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OF WHAT IS COMMONLY CALLED THE

REVELATIONS OF ST. JOHN...THE DIVINE,

Adapted to ordinary minds; showing the fulfilment of Prophecies,
in establishing the Kingdom of Jesus Christ, and destroy-
ing the Idol Kingly Governments of Men.

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TO THE PUBLIC.

THE object of the writer of this Commentary is simply to give the reader his views of Revelation.

Every man reading the Revelation to St. John, is bound to have an opinion or belief of his own.

A careful examination of the writings of the prophets is necessary to obtain a right understanding of their import and meaning. Most men have to confess their ignorance of the Revelations, because they have not bestowed the necessary time in investigation, to have a right understanding of their import and meaning. Many have thought that Prophecies called for the labors of Ecclesiastics only, as persons best qualified to interpret them; while others have thought that Apostolic succession imparted to a favored few a true knowledge of them, which was not to be questioned; and others considered the prophecies as dark and mysterious, and speaking of things which are yet to be fulfilled, in some time to come; and great and learned men differing in opinion as to the time, it was conjectured that prophecy was not to be investigated, and could only be certainly known when fulfilled. A Revelation not to be understood, is a contradiction in itself. A thing Revealed, is knowledge imparted.

The writer is of the opinion that all prophecy has been fulfilled, and that the visions of St. John was a Revelation of the fulfillment of what was before written by the Prophets. The Savior, before his death, had said to his disciples, "Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be ful-

filled. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away till all be fulfilled." And He said to John, "Behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be."

In the writings of the old prophets, there was much that was secret—in other words, not understood—for what is not understood is not seen, heard or known, is hid, is secret. The vision that John had was in that state or attitude of mind adapted to reveal or make known those things in the writings or words of the prophets which were to his brethren not known, but which to him were known—communicated to him in a trance or vision. It is said that God talks, by his Spirit, his providence and his word, with every man; but men are not in a frame of mind to hear, and see, and know what is communicated: consequently they remain ignorant. When Moses, in the providence of God, was called to behold the burning bush, Moses said, "I will now turn aside and see this great sight." If Moses had not put himself in a right state of mind, there probably would have been no burning bush, but if there had been, it could not have been of any possible use to Moses, if he paid no attention to the sight. But Moses complied immediately, and understood from it that God was not the God of the dead, but of the living, when he heard a voice issuing from it, saying, I am the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—who were dead, and yet were alive.

So St. John was in the Spirit, by which we understand a right state of mind: and in a trance or vision, he saw and heard and understood the things before spoken of by the prophets, which were shortly to come to pass, or take place, among the then existing nations—the Jewish nation having been dispersed from Judea, their landed inheritance, and scattered through all the nations of the four quarters of the eastern part of the world.

A revealing of a vision is merely making known to others, what is known by the revelator. A revealing or making known things which are to come hereafter, is impossible, except they are known, and when known beforehand, being made significant or signified as true to any one, that one can make known the same, as true, to another.

John, in his introduction, does not make data of the year or month in which he had the vision, which he was commanded to write; neither does he mention his own age, or where, or in what place he was when he wrote the book. He was commanded to write, in the vision, to only seven churches. These churches were expecting the second coming of the Messiah, as predicted by the prophets, and the time was close at hand when the 70th year would come, and the New Jerusalem be built to Messiah the Prince.

It is generally believed, that John was exiled to the Isle of Patmos in A. D. 96; but the 70th year, spoken of by Daniel, was A. D. 70; and if John wrote his vision of the Revelation in A. D. 96, he being 5 years younger than Christ, would make the age of John 91, and this would be 21 years after the fulfillment of the prophesy. If the Revelation to John was to inform the churches that the prophecies were to all be fulfilled in three years and an half from the time he wrote, it shows that he must have written the book A. D. 66, and then John's age would be 61—then the Revelations must have been in the churches 30 years before he was banished to the isle of Patmos, A. D. 96.

John describes himself as being in the Spirit on the Lord's day, by which we understand he had a vision or a trance, in which, as it were, he heard a great voice like a trumpet, and was in the Isle of Patmos, that was so called.

The prophet Daniel, in his prophecies, said, "I was standing on

the bank of the river Ulai, by which we understand he was only in a vision there. So, also, we understand that John was only in vision, in the island of Patmos. Where John was when he saw the vision, and where the book was written, no one knows, but it is conjectured it was written at Ephesus or Philadelphia.

If John wrote the Revelations in A. D. 66, and sent it to the churches, then the book was in the seven churches during the three years and a half preceding A. D. 70, which brings on the first persecution or Jewish war, so called, in A. D. 66. It is said that a second persecution was commenced against the church in 95, and that John was thrown into a cauldron of boiling oil, but was miraculously preserved. In A. D. 96, he was banished to the island of Patmos, and in A. D. 100 he died, being 95.

The Romans, in prosecuting the war against the Jews made no distinction between unbelieving and believing Jews or Christians.

"In A. D. 66, Vespasian was sent by Nero to make war against the Jews—Disturbances in Cesarea between the Jews and the idolaters—Sedition in Jerusalem, according to Josephus, in May—20,000 slain in Cesarea—Syria filled with slaughter by the battles between the Jews and the Syrians—Jerusalem besieged by Cæstius Gallus—the Christians leave Jerusalem and go to Pella in Cælosyria.

In A. D. 67, Vespasian invades Judea with an army of 60,000 men, and carries fire, [and sword wherever he goes—immense numbers of the Jews are slain in the various sieges he makes—11,600 Samaritans are slain by his order on Mount Gerizim—Joppa taken and destroyed—Tarichæa taken, and nearly 40,000 persons slain.

In A. D. 68, the inhabitants of Jerusalem divide themselves

into two different parties, and murder one another by thousands. In A. D. 69, Vespasian is made emperor, and his son, Titus, has the command of the Roman army.

In A. D. 70, Titus is sent, with a great army, to besiege Jerusalem—The Jewish Temple burnt; Matt. 24—Jerusalem taken, September 7, and destroyed by Titus. Josephus reckons that not less than 1,100,000 perished in this siege, by fire, sword, misery and famine. If to this number be added all that were killed in the several battles fought out of Jerusalem, and in the taking of the several towns which were stormed, it will be found that the Jews lost 1,357,660 men; Matt. 24: 51. The number carried away as prisoners or captives in war, amounted to 97,000; Matt. 25: 46; Luke 22: 37; 2 Peter 3: 10.

In this great destruction of the Jews in Jerusalem, not a Christian lost his life. The Savior had forewarned them to flee: the wise took oil in their vessels, with their lamps, and fled from Jerusalem; but the foolish took no oil; Mark 13: 30; Luke 21: 21, 22, 28, 31, 32, 33.

The prophecies in the Holy Books, probably, are all fulfilled in the destruction of the wicked Idol government, and establishing the kingdom of Jesus Christ, A. D. 70.

It is said that the mother of Jesus lived with St. John until her death, and that she died at Philadelphia, in Asia Minor.

It is probable that John was well acquainted with the seven churches, to whom he was directed to write, having often made them a visit, and preached to them the gospel of the kingdom.

The reader is referred, in this connection, to Mat. 24: 3—“And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be, and what the sign of thy coming and of the end of the world?” Mat. 24: 4—“And Jesus answered, and said unto them, 14, This gospel

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Behold I make all things new, said the Lord Jesus Christ to John.

It is done: that is, it is accomplished—the old has passed away.

I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

But all wicked kings and men shall be destroyed in the destruction of kingly governments, which is the second death.

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Twelve gates—3 East, 3 North, 3 South, 3 West quarters.

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The measure of the wall is the extent of the church in all the world.

The measure of a man is the measure or rule of the church.

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They shall reign with Christ for ever and ever.

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1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to show unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John,

Before the time this Revelation was made to John, the Roman Government had extended her power over Asia—war had been made for conquest.

The beloved disciple John, being there preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ, had a vision, which appeared to him to be in an island in the *Ægean* sea: and Jesus Christ, who is King of Kings and Prince of Peace, (John 3: 35,) revealed to his servant John, things which must shortly come to pass among the nations that were subjected to kingly power.—Dan. 1: 1.

The Revelation is a revealing of the way and manner of the accomplishment or fulfillment of the prophecies of the prophets, which were sealed up, to be opened at the time of the end of the idol kingdoms of the east quarter of the earth.—A. D. 66.

2 Who bare record of the Word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.

John, as a faithful witness of the visions made known to him, of the wicked acts of kingly governments, makes known to others, in truth, just such things as he saw.—John 1: 1. All things that he saw, were revealed to him by Jesus Christ.

3 Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein : for the time is at hand.

4 JOHN to the seven churches which are in Asia ; Grace be unto you, and peace from him which is, and which was, and which is to come ; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne ;

5 And from Jesus Christ, *who is* the faithful Witness, *and* the first begotten of the dead, and the Prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father ; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

7 Behold, he cometh with clouds ; and every eye shall see him, and they *also* which pierced him ; and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him.—Even so. Amen.

8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

Blessed are all who read the Revelation made to the churches, and doeth those things which are commanded to be done : for the time is at hand, when every man shall receive according as his work shall be. The effect of righteousness is peace. The time is at hand when the wicked kingdoms shall be no more.—Mal. 4: 1.

The seven churches of Asia, to whom John writes, are thus named : Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, Laodicea. The favor of God be unto you, in the enjoyment of peace, which is and which was, and which is to come from God, and from the spirits of the seven churches, which are in adoring worship before the throne of God.

And from Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, who is the faithful and true witness, who hath seen and known all things from the beginning to the end, who is the Son of God, who was crucified by men, and the first to rise from the dead, and the Prince of the kings of the earth, purposing peace on earth, good will to man. John 8: 14.

This same Jesus Christ hath made us kings and priests unto God.

He loved us and washed us from our sins in his own blood. Unto Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Behold, He cometh to punish the nations, with their armies (Dan. 7: 13) ; and every king, with his men, shall have knowledge of Him ; and they *also* who rejected and crucified Him, and all kingdoms on earth, shall experience woes ; because they do not obey Him : surely it is so. Amen. Luke 21: 10.

Wars between kingly governments produce great misery. Even so : Amen. Luke 21: 22.

I am the First and the Last, the Alpha and Omega.

The Lord Jesus Christ declared that He was the Almighty. He is now God : in ages past He was God, in ages to come will be God. He made all men, and will save the righteous. The wicked kingdoms, He will destroy. Dan. 7: 2.

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9 I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice as of a trumpet,

11 Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last; and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.

I John, am your brother in the church of Jesus Christ, at Ephesus. I am to be a companion with you in the persecution and affliction that the kingly governments subject us to.

I was in a vision, in the isle of Patmos, for adhering to Christ, and preaching the word of God, and would not submit to kingly authority, in place of Jesus Christ, over me; and the things which I saw I was commanded to write to the seven churches.

And being in a trance, and wrapped in vision, I was in the spirit worshipping God on the Lord's Day, at Ephesus, and I heard a great voice behind me, like a trumpet.

Years before John's banishment, the primitive christians had set apart the first day of the week for religious worship.

A trumpet is mostly used by great armies, in war, as an emblem of war.

A trumpet is also used as an emblem of the gospel.

John's attention being called to this great voice, he heard Jesus Christ saying to him, I am God Almighty, JEHOVAH: what thou seest, and knowest, write it in a book, and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia, for their benefit.

The Alpha and Omega, in this verse, is in regard to kingly government.

The oppressive power of kingly government is the subject under consideration, and has relation to time and not to eternity. It is war.

Probably, in writing and sending this revelation to the seven churches, he offended the Lydian kings, and the persecution they commenced against the christians at Ephesus in 66 was in consequence of it.

The island of Patmos, as he had seen in the

12 And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks;

13 And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.

14 His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire;

15 And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters.

16 And he had in his right-hand seven stars; and out of his mouth went a sharp two-edged sword; & his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.

17 And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last;

18 I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

vision, appeared to him to be the place where he was.

The seven churches of Asia are in his mind and sight. And being turned in the vision I had at Ephesus, I saw the seven churches, which were in Asia Minor.

He sees Jesus Christ present with these churches. His garment and girdle designate that He is King and Priest.

This description of Jesus Christ denotes Him ancient and glorious.

Christ sees all things—is omniscient. Dan. 10: 6.

The majesty, celerity and permanency of his government—the fire of his eyes more brilliant than a furnace of fire—his commands more distinct and imperative than those of any earthly king.

The seven presidents of the churches are in his keeping.

THE WORD OF GOD is sharper than
1 2 3. 4 5 6 7. 8 9 10 11 12
any kingly sword.

He goeth forth like the sun, giving light to the nations, and He goeth forth in his might, to destroy wicked kingdoms.

This vision of Christ's power and glory overpowered John—he fell to the earth as dead, as one from whom life had departed.

The Lord Jesus Christ laid his right hand on John, and he received strength; and the Lord said to him, Fear not; I am the Prince of the kings of the earth. Dan. 10: 9, 10.

I am he that was crucified, and, behold I am alive forevermore.

I have power and authority over every kingly or human governments.

Kingly governments have been graves and bottomless pits to nations: but Jesus Christ has the keys of power over them. Dan. 10: 14. Amen.

Explanation of the Terms Used.

19 Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter :

20 The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches; and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.

CHAP. II.

1 Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks;

2 I know thy works, and thy labor, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars:

3 And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast labored, and hast not fainted.

4 Nevertheless, I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.

John is commanded to write what had been made known to him of things pertaining to Christ's kingdom among men, and with the spirit of prophecy, things that are to come hereafter: for yet the vision is for many days. Dan. 10: 14.

The prophets of the old dispensation had predicted the rising of a star in Judah, who should be a prince and a Savior.

The mystery of the seven stars and seven golden candlesticks are thus explained.

The seven stars in the hand of the Prince are his apostles, messengers, angels, bishops, or presidents, elders or stars, officers of his churches—lights to the church. The candlesticks or lamps are the churches.

CHAPTER II.

To the Church of Ephesus.

The church of Ephesus was organized, probably, by John; and Timothy probably being the minister or president at the time, unto him was this book sent, for the benefit of the churches.

The Lord's ministers are the seven stars of the churches. The Lord, by his Spirit, is in these churches, guiding them.

I know how patiently ye have borne the opposition of the wicked government, and how you have manifested your hatred to it, by your works. Thou hast tried many who pretend to be apostles, and are not. Such as would yield to wicked laws, you found to be liars, or liar makers—makers of idols, and are evil.

Such as would yield obedience to the king's laws, were offensive—such as would yield obedience to Christ, were approved—such as loved the Lord Jesus Christ with all the heart, were steadfast.

But I have against some of thee, that thou hast left thy first love, and hast joined and approved the wicked idol government.

5 Remember, therefore, from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do thy first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

6 But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitanes, which I also hate.

7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

8 And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write: These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive;

9 I know thy works and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich,) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan.

10 Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days. Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

All such should of their wicked conduct repent, and obey Christ, or else, said Christ, I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove the church from Ephesus.

Except ye repent and reform, the wicked government will destroy you, and a church cannot flourish any longer in Ephesus.

Consider what a loss this would be, repent immediately, and do thy first works.

The Nicolaitanes loved the wages of iniquity. They also taught the doctrine of community of wives, and other pagan rites, and were offensive to the church, and to Jesus Christ.

Every individual should be obedient to the teachings of the Spirit.

He that resisteth and overcometh the temptations of the wicked government, by obedience to the gospel of Jesus Christ, hath right to eat of the tree of Life, in the Paradise of God.

To the Church of Smyrna.

And unto the president of the church of Smyrna write, These things saith the Prince of the earth, which was crucified, and is alive.

Probably Polycarp was the minister of the church of Smyrna, and the persecution of this church was great, because of their faith.

The unbelieving Jews professed to worship God, and they blasphemed the name of Jesus Christ. They also joined in the persecution of the church in Smyrna, being the king's counsellors and supporters.

Fear not what you shall suffer from the government or the Jews.

Behold the wicked shall imprison some of the church members, and the persecution will continue days.

Ten days, here, is understood prophetically as ten years, in time.

Be faithful in obeying my commands unto death, and I will give you a crown of life.

11 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.

12 And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write:— These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges;

13 I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was my fellow martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth.

14 But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak to cast a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.

15 So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitanes, which thing I hate.

16 Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight

No human government can give you such a reward.

Every person who hears should be obedient, and not grieve the Spirit.

He that overcometh shall be restored to life, when put to death. He that is faithful to me, shall not be hurt, when the kingly governments of this world are destroyed, which is the second death to kingly governments.

To the Church of Pergamos.

Perhaps Antipas, the minister in the church of Pergamos once. Write unto the angel, of things, saith he, that hath the two-edged sword. The two-edged sword is so called, because it destroys two enemies, the Jew blasphemers, and kingly wicked governments, idolaters.

I know your trials in the persecution, where wickedness reigns, where the idol kingly government requires you to worship.

My name and faith was held fast by thee, when Antipas was slain, and would not be in subjection to their commands.

It is supposed that he was put to death by the wicked people, but more probable by the soldiery of the Government.

The kingly government with propriety is called Satan.

But I have against some that reside at Pergamos, that hold the doctrine of Balaam, and are idolaters, and fornicators. They love the honor and pay that comes from the Government: they do neither love nor obey me. See Chapter 8: 10, 11. They love this present world, and the wages of iniquity. 2 Peter 2: 15. They fear the loss of life, and turn idolaters.

As in Smyrna, so also in Pergamos were there Nicolaitane sinners.

The character of sinners is hateful to Jesus Christ.

Repentance necessitates obedience to Christ, and there can be no obedience without repentance.

against them with the sword of my mouth.

17 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches: To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth, saving he that receiveth it.

18 And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass;

19 I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last *to be* more than the first:

20 Notwithstanding, I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.

The word of God is a sharp sword to the wicked.

Every person hearing the gospel is responsible to Jesus Christ.

The spirit of Jesus Christ, every one hearing the gospel should possess.

He that overcometh the temptations of the wicked government, I will give him better food to eat than that furnished by kings—the bread that comes down, like manna to Israel, from heaven.

He shall have a new and better name than is placed on white Italian marble; and the value of this name no man knoweth, but he that has it.

To be called christian is better than to be called king.

To the Church of Thyatira.

Written unto the elder of the church of Thyatira. See Chapter 8: 12, 13.

The Lord Jesus Christ—the Son of God—He is the Prince of Kingdoms. His omniscient power is every where in the world.—Dan. 10: 6.

Of his government and peace; there is no end. His throne is established, as the sun before Him.

The church of Thyatira is commended for their faith and good done by them; for their increase in piety, when tempted; persecuted, and opposed, for their love to Christ and hatred of the wicked laws of government. And their faith, and zeal and piety increased greatly under the faithful preaching of the gospel.

But I have against some, that they go after that wicked woman Jezebel, who seduces many from the path of duty, to do wickedly: they become willing slaves to sin, and are not my servants: they commit fornication, and are idolaters.—2 Peter 3: 3.

21 And I gave her space to repent of her fornication, and she repented not.

22 Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds.

23 And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and will give unto every one of you according to your works.

24 But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, As many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden:

25 But that which ye have *already*, hold fast till I come.

26 And he that overcometh, & keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:

27 (And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers;) even as I received of my Father.

28 And I will give him the morning star.

29 He that heareth an ear, let him hear

Jezebel had space to repent, but would not. Idolatry is lifeless.

Behold, I will cast Jezebel and her followers into great affliction.

Without repentance for sins, men must suffer. Justice requires it.

Sin is a reproach to any people, and will destroy them.

Jesus Christ is the searcher of all hearts. He knows those who choose idolatry, and will give to every man, as his work shall be: they have their reward.

Those that obey God, seeking happiness from Him, they also have their reward.

Such in Thyatira as have not been seduced by the wicked arts and power of the government, to blaspheme my name and become idolaters, I will not put upon them any severe affliction or other burden.

The doctrine, the king can do no evil, is the depths of Satan, as they speak.

The christian's burden is the trial of his faith.

Continue steadfast in obedience to my commands till I come.

Behold, I come quickly to destroy the wicked kingdoms.

He that doeth continually what I command, till I come to destroy, to him will I give power, as my servant, to destroy kings over the nations. See Chap. 19: 17.

The kingly governments among nations shall be destroyed.

Kings shall lose their crowns and power. See chapter 19: 18. With violence shall they be destroyed and broken. Even so, as I have received of my Father.

Jesus Christ is A MORNING STAR.

I will give to such an one who overcomes to be a morning star, in my kingdom on earth.

Every person who hears, should understand what is said to the churches.

what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

For the Spirit convinces of sin, of righteousness, and judgment.

He that believeth shall be saved, but the wicked shall be destroyed.

CHAPTER III.

To the Church of Sardis.

CHAP. III.

And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write, These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name, that thou livest, and art dead.

2 Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God.

3 Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.

4 Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy.

5 He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his

Write unto the church of Sardis (to the bishop or president):

He that hath the seven spirits of God, which are in the seven churches, and the seven stars or officers which are in the seven churches, saith to the church of Sardis.

(Sardis was the seat of government of the Lydian kings. Opposition to Christ produced a deadness in Sardis.)

The duty of christians is to watch and pray and grow in grace, to strengthen the church, and assist others in yielding to Christ. When great opposition prevails, this duty is not perfectly performed.

Christians often need exhortation to the performance of duty. If they neglect their duties, they may lose life suddenly, and they may not be aware that their time is short.

The exhortation is, work while it is day, lest night come upon you unawares.

Time, like a thief, steals all our days away.

A few persons there were in Sardis who had not been bribed by kings: they maintained their love, faith and obedience to Jesus Christ. They shall walk with Christ in white, for they are worthy.

One star in the church was seduced back to Paganism, and he became a wicked persecutor of the church. See chapter 9.

He that overcometh, by obeying Christ, shall be clothed in white, and be honored with a name in the book of life.

The Prince of Peace assures him of the

name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

6 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

7 And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth:

8 I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.

9 Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.

10 Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

love of God, and his love, and of the love and companionship of all the officers of his church.

The rewards of kingly governments are nothing in comparison.

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. For the spirit of obedience is the spirit of Jesus Christ.

To the Church of Philadelphia.

Write to the bishop of the church of Philadelphia, saith Jesus Christ, the Holy One—God manifested in man:

Kingly power belongs to Jesus Christ, as it did to king David. His authority is the only supreme authority among men. He openeth the prophecies of the ancient prophets, and bringeth to light the wickedness of Paganism.

The persecution that the church of Philadelphia suffered from the kingly government, could not be revoked. It was constantly before their eyes—it could not be forgotten by them;

They kept the commands of the Lord Jesus Christ, and would not yield to the commands of the kingly government, when persecuted.

The Jews also persecuted them, blaspheming Christ: and the fulfillment of the prophecies is an open door.

The Lord said that He would make the unbelieving Jews of (belong to, part of) the wicked kingly government, or synagogue of Satan: for they are liars, and blasphemers of my name. But I will bring them ultimately to submit to my government. They shall worship me, in your sight, and acknowledge my love to thee.

The Lord's protection is promised to such as obey Him.

Temptation shall not destroy their faith.

The hour of temptation, which shall come in the kingdoms of the earth, shall try the faith of christians: every man's work will be proved. See Chap. 9: 15—21; 11: 1—13.

11 Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

12 Him that overcometh, will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, *which is new Jerusalem*, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: *and I will write upon him my new name.*

13 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

14 And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write: These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the beginning of the creation of God;

15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold or hot: I would that thou wert cold or hot.

16 So then, because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth;

Jesus Christ, then, is coming quickly, to establish his kingdom, proving the faith of every man (the temptation of the wicked government to disobedience having seduced many). He that is righteous, keepeth his crown—no man taketh it from him.

He that overcometh in the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all that dwell upon the earth, will I make a monument or pillar in the temple of my God: he shall be strength and stability in the church. He shall never depart from the church, to serve any king. On his countenance you discover the image of God, in which he was created. A name he has, of "*the city of God*," indelibly printed on his robes, which is New Jerusalem, or the church of Jesus Christ, which is not of earthly origin, but came down from heaven, from God: and he shall have my new name, which I will write upon him.

He that hath ears, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches: for the Spirit, or Holy Ghost, enlightens the mind in the things of God.

To the Church of Laodicea.

Write to the elder or minister of the church in Laodicea:

He who is a true and faithful witness, the Alpha, saith:

The beginning of the creation of all in this world, who is God, saith:

By Him were made all things that are made: and behold, He knoweth all things which shall come to pass.

Jesus Christ saith to the church of Laodicea, I know all the work you have done, in opposing the wicked kings, and the suffering you endured under the persecution, which has reduced you in number and strength: so that you are neither faint in opposition to wickedness, nor zealous in the performance of duty. I would thou wert faint or zealous.

So then because thou art lukewarm, and not

17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor and blind, and naked;

18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

faint or zealous, I will spew thee out of my mouth—it is offensive and displeasing to me.

Because thou sayest, I am rich in worldly goods, and have need of nothing more, acting as if gain was godliness, and taking no thought that your situation is most wretched and miserable, making poor, blind and naked.

Come to me, and buy of me, with holiness of heart and life, that which is more precious than refined gold, and which you can buy without money, and without price—white raiment—a robe of righteousness, hiding shame—eye salve, to heal disordered vision and lukewarm action, that you may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

My love for you is not because of your lukewarm conduct, but for your love to me, manifested in your opposition to the wickedness of kingly power.

I loved you first, and gave myself to die for you: I love you still.

I rebuke you for your lukewarm conduct, in not manifesting more zeal. I counsel and chasten you, that you may be benefited by it.

Be zealous, therefore, in times to come, and repent of your lukewarmness.

I am always standing ready, knocking at your doors.

I come as a faithful messenger, to warn you of coming woes and of your duty.

If any man will hear what I say, and with all his heart obey me, I will come in to him, and partake with him the cup of affliction, and ease his burden.

He that overcometh all temptations of the wicked adversary of the church, and will not yield to the commands of the wicked kingly governments, I will grant to him to sit with me on my throne, in my kingdom on earth; for I am king over all the kingdoms of men—the Prince of Kings, and am set down with my Father on his throne.

Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God Himself shall be with them, their God.

22 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

The wicked kingly governments shall be destroyed in my coming.—Luke 12: 49.

Behold, I will make all things new. My kingdom is for ever and ever.

He that has ears, let him hear what the Spirit of God saith to the churches. See Chapter 11: 15.

FIRST DIVISION.

CHAPTER IV.

CHAP. IV.

1 After this I looked, and behold, a door ~~was~~ opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard *was* as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.

2 And immediately I was in the Spirit: and behold, a throne was set in heaven, and *one* sat on the throne.

3 And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and *there was* a rainbow round about the throne in sight like unto an emerald.

4 And round about the throne *were* four and twenty seats;

Vision of War in Asia Minor and the East.

After what was communicated, in regard to the present state of things, to the churches, which was shown to me, I looked to see what was the future state of things to be revealed, and behold, the door of revelation was opened in the kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The first thing I heard, that called my attention, was war, as it were a trumpet, the sound of which appeared to be talking with me; which said, Come up hither to close inspection—I will show thee things which will be hereafter.

I was in the Spirit of God immediately, contemplating the evils of war, and behold, a king was set upon a throne, in open opposition to the kingdom of Jesus Christ, the pagan kingly government.

The king's countenance was stern and hard as jasper rock, or primitive stone.

Jasper indicates they were of the tribe of Reuben, of the tribe of Israel.

Sardine indicates that they were of the tribe of Manasses,

About his throne a rainbow of dazzling glory, in the eyes of men—an army. It was in sight of some like an emerald, splendid to look upon—emerald in color, bright green, representing the tribes of Juda.

The audience seats round the king's throne. The four and twenty seats indicate Jewish.

and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold.

5 And out of the throne proceeded lightnings, and thunders, and voices. And *there were* seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

6 And before the throne *there was* a sea of glass like unto crystal: And in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, *were* four beasts full of eyes before and behind.

7 And the first beast *was* like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast *was* like a flying eagle.

8 And the four beasts had each of them six wings about *him*; and *they were* full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

counsellors—the king's counsellors, elders or ministers, sitting before him, clothed in white raiment—the Sanhedrim, with golden crowns on their heads, counseling of war.

And from the king proceed decrees of of wrath against the enemies of the Jewish church, like lightnings, and anathemas, and decrees of torture, and persecution, and confiscation, and death to all who would not obey Him. The seven lamps of fire are War, Pestilence, Famine, Lust, Slavery, and Murder.

These are said to be constantly burning before the throne of the king, which are the seven spirits of God, for the trial of every man's faith.

And in the mind's eye of the king were all nations he had conquered, spread out like an immense sea or looking glass before Him.

And from the centre to the circumference, in the four quarters of the earth, were there kings, subject to him; and these creatures or kings were full of eyes, on two sides, watching him and each other, with jealousy.

The first king or creature, like a Lion, was of the North.

The second king or creature, like a Calf, was of the East.

The third king or creature, with the face of a man, was of the South.

The fourth king or creature, like a flying eagle, was of the West.

These four quarters of the world were subjected to one king, in the east quarter of the earth. Dan. 2: 39, 40.

The four creatures or kings had each power in his quarter.

The six wings are his armies or power about him. They were always on guard, or watch—full of jealousy. They being pagan, cry aloud to their god for success and protection, saying, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

The pagan people were subjected to these kings, and obeyed them: hence their worship. Some of the Jews also turned idolaters—became pagan.

9 And when those beasts give glory, and honour, and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever,

10 The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne saying,

11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory, and honour, and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

CHAP. V.

1 And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the back side, sealed with seven seals.

2 And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?

3 And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.

When these kings or kingdoms do homage to him that sat on the throne, they prostrate themselves before the king on his throne, saying, O king, live for ever: we are your obedient subjects, &c. Dan. 3: 9.

The counsellors round the throne fall down in adoring worship of the king on his throne, to whom the other kings are subject; and these pagans cast their crowns before the king or creature, saying, Live for ever and ever, O king.

(This is worshiping the idol, which God's law forbids. Dan. 3: 10; Jude 1: 4, 6; 13: 16.)

Saying, thou art worthy, O king, O Lord, to receive glory and honor, and power: thou hast created all things, all kingdoms over men: and for thy honor and glory, they are, and were created by thee.

And whoso falleth not down and worshipeth, shall the same hour be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. Dan. 3: 6.

CHAPTER V.

I saw in the king's hand the written laws of his kingdoms, his decrees.

Every decree was sealed with the king's seal.

These decrees were sent east and west, to all his subjected kingdoms.

The decrees against the seven churches were sealed with corresponding numbers.

Hence we see the necessity of Jesus Christ ordering John to write to these churches.

The question with the ministers of these churches was, What shall be done, and one of them, a strong bishop or minister, asks the question, Who among us is able to break and make nugatory these seals of the king.

No man was able to do it; the king's decrees must be executed; and these decrees against christians were painful to look upon: they were cruel, oppressive and arbitrary—in the highest degree wicked.

4 And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open, and to read the book, neither to look thereon.

5 And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

6 And I beheld, and lo, in the midst of the throne, and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns, and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

7 And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne.

8 And when he had taken the book, the four beasts, and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.

9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation:

And John wept much in view of the sufferings of the church, in the vision, as he could not see that any human means could prevent.

And one of the servants of God in the church said to John, Weep not: Behold, God will defend and rescue those that put their trust in Him.

The Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the lion of the tribe of Judah, the root of David, by his life, death and resurrection to the throne of God, hath power to open the book, and loose the seals thereof. Chap. 13: 18.

And I saw, in the decrees of the king with his counsellors, that the Lord Jesus Christ was the person in their minds; the Lamb as it had been slain, for the salvation of men, standing, having seven horns and seven eyes (which are the seven spirits of God.) And by these wicked kings, the decrees were sent forth against these seven churches. They sent them forth into the four quarters of the earth.

The Lord Jesus Christ, by his power, took these decrees out of the king's hand. The kings could not destroy the churches by these decrees. Dan. 4: 31. For the Word of God is KING OF ISRAEL.

And after He had taken in hand these laws and broke the seals, and an end was made to war, persecution, theft, lust, lying, slavery and murder, then the kings, with the counsellors and the presidents, in the four quarters of the earth, prostrate themselves in humble worship before Jesus Christ, every one with harps and golden vials full of odors, which constitute the prayers of saints. These worshipers were Jewish converts.

The whole world, or kingdoms of men that had been made miserable by the wicked passions of men, now sing a new and glorious song, saying, Thou, O Lord, art worthy to take in hand these decrees that were written against the seven churches, in the king's hand, and sealed with his seal, and open the roll, or book, and break the king's seal: for thou wast slain; and hast redeemed us from

10 And hast made us unto our God kings, and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

11 And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne, and the beasts, and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;

12 Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

13 And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb, for ever and ever.

bondage to them, to serve our God, by thy blood, out of every nation on earth, in the east quarter of the earth:

And hast made us unto our God, kings and priests, and we shall reign on earth.

Then was answered the prayer that Jesus Christ taught his disciples, saying, When ye pray, say, Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done; as in heaven, so in earth. Give us day by day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins: for we forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

And in the vision, I beheld the kings and the churches round about the throne. Then I heard the voices of many ministers, standing round the king, and round about the kings and counsellors in the four quarters of the earth; and the numbers of them were immense—thousands.—Dan. 6: 26. The armies of these kingdoms in the four quarters of the earth, were thousands of thousands of men in the east quarter.

Saying, with a loud voice, bold as a lion, fearing no man, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain for the sins of men, to receive power, and riches, and strength, and glory, and blessing from men.

The consciences of men are convinced that Jesus Christ is king of the whole world, while they are engaged in war for another king.

And every man which is in the church of Jesus Christ, or king on the earth or sea, in the four quarters of the globe, or world, heard I saying, Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Prince of Peace, the Lamb that was slain and lives for ever and ever.

He shall subdue the nations by his power, being set down on the throne of his Father, the Almighty, for ever and ever, being JEHOVAH, the LAMB OF GOD, the first
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
and the last—the number given to Daniel, 7: 62. The first 7 and the last 2, make 9.

14 And the four beasts said Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever.

And the kings in the four quarters of the earth said, Amen: and the four and twenty elders, or counsellors of the kingdom, fall down and worship Him that liveth forever and ever, in the four quarters of the east quarter of the earth.

SECOND DIVISION.

CHAP. VI.

1 And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts, saying, Come and see.

2 And I saw, and behold, a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.

3 And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see.

4 And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from

CHAPTER VI.

I saw things to come to pass in the four quarters of the earth. When the Lord Jesus Christ opened the first decree that was made, which was against the church of Ephesus, I heard a great noise among the people, and so great was the opposition to the church, it was as thunder.—Ezekiel 1: 26. The king of the north quarter claimed my attention.—Jer. 6: 22, 23; Zech. 6: 5.

I saw a white people, with a king on a white war-horse. He went forth with his armies, for conquest, and did conquer.

This opening of the first seal was with the gift of a crown to the North—warrior on the white horse. And he went forth to war in the North, to conquer.—Jer. 51: 27; Ez. 1: 4; Zeph. 6: 3; Dan. 7: 4. A. D. 66.

When Jesus Christ opened the second decree, which was against the church of Smyrna, I heard the king of the east quarter say, Come and see, claiming my attention.

The prophets of God had prophesied that a king of righteousness should arise and subdue the nations by his power.

These decrees, with corresponding seals, against the seven churches, are to be considered as in opposition to Christ's kingdom in all the world. He therefore opens them, to exhibit to man the wickedness of men.—Zech. 6: 2; Dan. 7: 5. A. D. 67 or 68.

I saw a people that were red, with a king on a red horse—Hindostan. He or they make great wars, taking away peace from men, killing great numbers of men with the sword. Zech. 1: 8.

the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.

5 And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo, a black horse; and he that sat upon him had a pair of balances in his hand.

6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine.

7 And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see.

8 And I looked, and behold, a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with

He or they that kill by the sword, must, in turn, be killed by the sword. The East had a great sword given them, and great was the destruction of men. It is said, by historians, that not less than 580,000 Jews, alone, were killed, and 460,000 others in the provinces in Asia.—Zech. 6: 2; Dan. 7: 6.

And when Jesus Christ opened the third seal, my attention was directed to consider a people with a black face, with a warrior on a black horse—South. This warrior or people go to war, not for conquest, but for self-defence—to promote and protect themselves in what they thought their rights, in opposition to the oppression and wickedness of the government. The pair of balances in his hand, exhibit their notion of justice. This is the third quarter—Arabia.—Zech. 6: 6; Dan. 6. A. D. 68 or 69.

Then I heard a voice from all the kingdoms of the four quarters of the earth. This voice proclaimed that the whole earth belonged to Jesus Christ, that man should till the earth, and live by the sweat of his brow, and that a measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny, was an act of wicked warring kingdoms, taxing the people to sustain their armies, and the kingdoms usurped: and see that thou do no hurt to the church, by taxing the oil and wine.

When Jesus Christ opened the fourth seal, my attention was called to consider a people in the west quarter of the earth, with a king on a pale horse, with all their immense armies.—Zech. 6: 6, 7.

The fourth quarter is Asia Minor.—Dan. 7: 7. A. D. 69½, or the end of the 42 months, or Daniel's time, times and half a time.

This nation or kingdom in the west quarter, with a warrior on a pale horse, was the greatest and most terrible war kingdom on earth, I beheld. The name was Death to nations, wherever their armies went: and the graves of men were seen in the rear of their march.

And this great power was given to them in the west quarter of the earth, to kill with the

sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.

9 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held :

10 And they cried with a loud voice saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth ?

11 And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow-servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.

12 And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood :

sword, and with hunger, all descriptions of people with death. And with the kings of the earth they were at war, killing with sword and hanger.—Zech. 6: 6. Dan. 7: 8.

And when Jesus Christ opened the fifth seal, I saw those who were christians, who had been put to death because they would serve God and obey the Lord Jesus Christ, and would not obey the wicked laws of the wicked kingdoms.

They were put to death, because they declared they would obey Jesus Christ, who was prince of the kings of the whole earth. This was declared to be treason against the king.—1 Peter 4: 14. A. D. 69, 7 months, making Daniel's twelve hundred and ninety days.

And these christians prayed to Jesus Christ with a strong and distinct voice, not afraid of men, but confident that He would hear. And the burden of their prayer was not for themselves, individually, but saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge, and avenge, for thyself, and the honor of thy kingdom, our blood, on these wicked kings that are on the earth.

The Lord Jesus Christ honors them that honor Him. White robes were given to every one of them: and it was said unto them, that they should be quiet and at rest in regard to the time when Jesus Christ would destroy the wicked governments, for it would be but a little time, when they shall be destroyed, and that these wicked governments would continue to exist, for trying and proving every man's work; and many also of their brethren would be put to death, as they were, for obedience to the laws of God, and what was foretold by the prophets must be fulfilled. 1 Pet. 4: 17; 5: 10.

And when Jesus Christ opened the sixth seal, I saw the nations in the west quarter of the world, greatly agitated and convulsed with war: and the thrones of kings, which had been the sun of their system of government, now became black as sackcloth of hair in their sight, because of the miseries they

13 And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.

14 And the heavens departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

15 And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bond-man, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains ;

16 And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb :

17 For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand ?

were compelled to suffer ; and their armies were covered with the blood of the slain.

And the kingly governments of the nation in the fourth quarter of the earth fell to the earth, in the great convulsion and earthquake, and were destroyed, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind: so these wicked governments will be cast down, and the kingdom of Jesus Christ, who is King of Kings, set up.—Zech. 1: 17.

They shall depart in haste, as a messenger is sent with written decrees.—Jer. 51: 31.

And every kingdom, on the mountains, or on the islands, were overturned. A. D. 69, 8 months.

And the kings in the fourth quarter of the earth, the great and rich men connected with and sustaining the wicked kingly government, and the captains of their armies and navies, and every bond man, and every freed man, or citizen living upon the gifts of the wicked government, hide themselves, in terror and dismay, from the storm that is breaking on their heads, from an injured and oppressed people—they fly for refuge to the dens and rocks of the mountains.

And said, Fall on us, and shield us from kingly power, which has brought such misery upon the earth, and from the wrath of the Lamb, who has opened the seals, and is setting up his, and destroying our kingdom, the kingdom of men.

For the great day, predicted by the prophets, of his wrath, is come; and who shall be able to stand before Him, in opposition?—Dan. 7: 26. A. D. 69, 8 months, or Daniel's 1335 days.

The Number of Jewish Converts.

CHAPTER VII.

CHAP. VII.

1 And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.

2 And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea.

3 Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.

4 And I heard the number of them which were sealed *and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand* of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

5 Of the tribe of Judah *were sealed twelve thousand*. Of the tribe of Reuben *were sealed twelve thousand*. Of the tribe of Gad *were sealed twelve thousand*.

After having seen the things which are to take place among the nations in the fourth or east quarter of the earth, as predicted by the prophets, of the wrath or judgments of God that were to come on them for their wickedness, I saw the Lord Jesus Christ, the head or angel of all the churches, standing in the midst of them, in the four quarters of the earth, holding the evil passions of men, that they should not burst forth like a tornado, to destroy men, in the four quarters of the earth, on the earth, or on the sea.

And I saw another angel or church, making its appearance from the east quarter of the earth, this church having obtained the seal of obedience of the laws of the living God.

They had constantly been, before this, a very rebellious and disobedient people; they had hated and crucified the Lord Jesus Christ, but now they proclaim to the churches in the four quarters of the earth, with a loud voice, not fearing man, their love for Jesus Christ.

They say to the churches in the four quarters of the earth, to whom it was given to do hurt, by their lukewarmness, not to hurt the people that live on the earth or sea any longer. We have a great work to do—to baptize our Jewish brethren into the faith of Jesus Christ.—Jer. 50: 4, 5.

And I heard the number of the Jews that were brought to obedience and voluntarily received the seal of Jesus Christ in their foreheads. And the number, in the east quarter of the earth, of Jews, of the tribes of the children of Israel, that were sealed, was an hundred and forty four thousand. A. D. 69.

Judah was the fourth son of Jacob—his mother Leah.

Reuben was the first son of Jacob—his mother Leah.

Gad was the seventh son of Jacob—his mother Zilpah.

6 Of the tribe of Aser were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Naphtalim were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Manasses were sealed twelve thousand.

7 Of the tribe of Simeon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Levi were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Issachar were sealed twelve thousand.

8 Of the tribe of Zabulon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Joseph were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed twelve thousand.

9 After this I beheld, and lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands:

10 And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

11 And all the angels stood round about the throne, and

Asher was the eighth son of Jacob—his mother Zilpah.

Naphtali was the sixth son of Jacob—his mother Bilha.

Manasses the first son of Joseph—put in place of Dan, the fifth son of Jacob—his descendants became worshipers of idols.

Simeon was the second son of Jacob—his mother Leah.

Levi was the third son of Jacob—his mother Leah.

Issachar was the fifth son of Leah—the ninth son of Jacob.

Zebulon was the sixth son of Leah—the tenth son of Jacob.

Joseph the first son of Rachel—the eleventh son of Jacob.

Benjamin the second son of Rachel—the twelfth son of Jacob.

After this revelation of the conversion of so many Jews in the East quarter of the earth, to the faith or belief of the word of God, and obedience of Jesus Christ, the Prince of the kings of the earth, lo, I saw an innumerable number, in the four quarters of the earth, of all nations, standing before the throne of the Lamb, who is king of kings and lord of lords, clothed in white robes, which they had put on, which had been prepared for them by the king of the four quarters of the earth; and they had in their hands palms of victory.

And the innumerable number in the four quarters of the earth of the nations of men, cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to us from our God, who sitteth upon the throne of majesty on high, who is appointed heir of all things, and upholdeth all things by the word of his power, who is the Son of God, the Lamb of God.

Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.

And all the churches and their officers, standing in the four quarters of the earth, round about the throne of Jesus Christ on

about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God.

12 Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, be unto our God forever and ever. Amen.

13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?

14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15 Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

16 They shall hunger no more; neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.

earth, and in the presence of councilors and kings in the four quarters of the earth, prostrate themselves in humble adoration before the throne of God and the Lamb—JEHOVAH, LAMB OF GOD.

Saying, Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, be unto our God, for ever and ever. Amen.

For Jesus Christ is the LAMB OF GOD, THE SAVIOUR. For it is written by the prophets, HE shall come and save us; for we have trusted in HIM.

And one of the angels or elders of the church said to me, asking a question which he could answer himself, Who and what are those arrayed in white robes? Whence came they?

I said, Sir, thou knowest, and can easily answer. And he said, They are our Jewish brethren, which have been persecuted and trodden down under foot by the kingly governments: they have not implicitly yielded to their laws, to obey them: they now have washed their filthy, polluted garments, and made their robes white: they have washed them, by faith in Jesus Christ, in the blood of the Lamb, who was slain. Therefore are they round about the throne of God and the Lamb.

Therefore are they, who are the children of the tribes of Israel, before the throne of the God of Israel, and serve him continually, in his temple, which is the church of the living God, which is the house of prayer for all nations, and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them, and be their God. Rev. 21: 4.

And the children of the tribes of Israel, who believe in Jesus Christ and obey Him (as their prophet, foretelling their character, and miseries, teaching, warning, and reproving them, for their sins); as their priest, atoning for their sins; and as their king, to rule over them: they shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the decrees of any kingly,

17 For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters; and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

government oppress them, neither shall they suffer persecution; for the Lamb, who is the Son of God, and is the God of Israel, and is in the midst of the throne, shall feed them, and as a good shepherd shall lead them unto living fountains of water: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes. Isa. 25: 8.

And there was a great time of rejoicing in the church.

CHAPTER VIII.

CHAP. VIII.

1 And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour.

And when Jesus Christ opened the seventh seal, there was silence or rest from the oppressive and persecuting power of the kingly power in the fourth or east quarter of the earth, in the churches, about the space of half an hour; or year, or about half a month, or fifteen days. A. D. 70, 8 months, and 15 days, or Daniel's 1335 days.

2 And I saw the seven angels which stood before God: and to them were given seven trumpets.

And I saw the seven churches, with the presiding officers, which are Christ's kingdom on earth, and against which the decrees of the kingly government had issued, stood, worshipping God; and to them were given seven trumpets, proclaiming righteous or good war, or opposition to the laws of the wicked kingly governments. Seven trumpets—one for each month, after three years.

3 And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayer of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.

And I saw the church which made its appearance in the east quarter of the earth, of the children of Israel, come and stand at the altar of prayer; and they had much incense of blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and power, and might to offer, and they offered it to him who is king of kings, God over all kingdoms, with the prayer of all saints in the four quarters of the earth, and they offer upon the golden altar which was before the throne.

4 And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand.

And the smoke of the incense, or prayers which they offer, with the prayers of all saints in the four quarters of the earth, ascended up before God, out of the angels' or churches' hand.

5 And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it into the earth; and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake.

6 And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.

7 The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth; and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.

8 And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood;

9 And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed.

10 And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters;

And the Lord Jesus Christ, the angel or head of the churches, took the censer, and filled it with the fire of the altar of sacrifice, with his holy, obedient spirit, which is the Holy Ghost, and cast it abroad in the earth: and there was great opposition from wicked men, and from kingly governments; and there was curses, and decrees, and wrath, and war, against the churches; and there was thunder and lightning, and a great earthquake.

The seven churches, or the kingdom of Jesus Christ on earth, to whom were given the seven trumpets, proclaiming righteous opposition to the wicked kingly governments, prepare to sound.

The first church to whom John was directed to write, was Ephesus: they probably were the first to begin to blow the trumpet of the gospel, in opposition to the wicked kingly government, and they were overrun by the king's army, and crushed to the earth: and a third part of the trees, and green grass, were burnt up by them.

First month of A. D. 70, was May, when the church blew the trumpet.

The second church to whom John was directed to write, was Smyrna: when they sounded the gospel trumpet, powerful armies were poured in upon them: it was like to a burning mountain, when the lava issues out and runs in torrents over the earth, to the sea: so blood ran in torrents over the third part of the nations. Second month—June.

And so great and fierce were the battles of the kings in the east quarter of the earth, that one third part of the kingdoms that had life, or existed, ceased to exist: they died, or were no more; and one third part of their ships were destroyed.

The third church to whom John was directed to write, was Pergamos. When they sounded the gospel trumpet, a fiery persecution commenced by the kingly government: it was in comparison like a burning star, falling upon the third part of the nations of the east quarter of the earth, upon the rivers and ocean.

11 And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter.

12 And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars: so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.

13 And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice. Wo, wo, wo, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!

CHAP. IX.

1 And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit.

Pergamos city was the seat of government. Third month—July.

And the star or government was known by the name of wormwood, or bitter and satanic persecution against the Jewish church or christians: and the third part of the nations became like the government: they also persecuted the church, or christians; and many men died of the persecution by the nations, and the nations were made bitter against christians, by the wicked kingdom, and also against the Jews.

The fourth church to whom John was directed to write, was Thyatira. When they sounded the gospel trumpet, the great central power in the system of kingly government was paralyzed or smitten, as also the moon or subjugated kings, and the stars or officers in the system of kingly government: the third part of them were paralyzed, and ceased in a great degree to obey the decrees. And such was the darkness and destitution of power for a period of time, four months, or one third of a day or year, the night included in the day, or twelve hours to the day light. A. D. 70. Fourth month—August.

And I saw and heard the rapid flight of the church of Jesus Christ into the east part of the fourth quarter of the earth, in the midst and presence of the wicked pagan kingly governments, which said with a loud voice, Wo, wo, wo, to the inhabitants of the earth, by reason of the other voices of the trumpet, of the gospel, of the three churches which are to sound.

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The fifth church to whom John was directed to write, was Sardis. When they sounded the gospel trumpet, I saw that the pagan kingly government sought to turn many from the faith of Jesus Christ: and one distinguished person, a star in the church, was seduced by them to deny Christ and leave the church:

and he became so noted for his wickedness and bloody persecution of the church, that he obtained the name, Key of the Bottomless Pit, for his wickedness.—Jude 1: 6. Fifth month—September.

2 And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit.

3 And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth; and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.

4 And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads.

5 And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man.

And he, by his wicked conduct, opened the bottomless pit, and there was a great and lengthy time of persecution of the church of Jesus Christ: the smoke of the fires of persecution, like the smoke of a great furnace, arose, filling the air with a dark cloud of smoke, so that the sun was not seen, by reason of the smoke of the fires.

And as soon as these fiery furnaces of persecution sent out their smoke, there came the king's army, and like locusts covered the earth; and like scorpions, they had power to torment men; and thousands of Jews were slain. A. D. 70.

And it was commanded the army, that they should not hurt or destroy the grass or any green thing of the earth, neither any tree, but destroy only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads, who had not been baptized as converts, from Judaism, or paganism, to Christianity, but were bitterly opposed to it, and kindled the fires of persecution against the christians.

Probably the Lybean kings, who resided at Sardis, ordered a tax for their own benefit. The christians and unconverted Jews refusing to pay a tax to support them in their profligacy and wickedness, the kings answered, saying, every one who will not pay his tax, shall be burned to death. The fires were kindled, the smoke ascended; tidings of the affair reached the throne; it had all been done without authority from the king. Immediately an army was sent to stop the persecution, and punish the persecutors.

The army was commanded not to kill any christian or Jew, but that they should be tormented five months; and the suffering and miseries they endured were only mitigated by the mode of their sufferings. They were made slaves to the army. The converts to chris-

6 And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them.

7 And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men.

8 And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions.

9 And they had breast-plates, as it were breast-plates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle.

10 And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails; and their power was to hurt men five months.

11 And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon.

12 One wo is past: and behold, there come two woes more hereafter.

13 And the sixth angel sounded, and

they were Jewish converts mostly, therefore they were not to be killed, but only tormented, because they were Jews, their brethren, of the house of Israel.

Their miseries were so great, it appeared to them that death was to be preferred: it would end all their sufferings. But they were to be thus tried, to prove their works and faith. Their faith was strong—they could triumph over death, saying "O death, where is thy sting! O grave, where is thy victory!"

The appearance of the horsemen was like an army ready for battle. On the heads of the horsemen were crowns like gold, and their faces were men from the east quarter of the earth. Micah 7: 17.

Their hair was long, like that of a woman; their teeth exhibited the fierceness and boldness of lions.

They were dressed and armed with iron breast-plates, and the celerity with which they used their weapons was great. And the movement of the army was as if they had wings; and the noise of the tramping of their horses, and the rumbling of their chariot wheels was like rushing to battle.

And they were armed with weapons, looking like Sagittarius, the archer, with his bow and arrow, and with them they hurt men five months.

And the commander of the army, that was sent from the east quarter of the earth, was the star that fell and denied Christ, and became noted for his wickedness, and obtained the name Key of the Bottomless Pit. In the Hebrew tongue he was called Abaddon, signifying his character, as an apostate; and so in the Greek. He it was that unlocked with the key the bottomless pit, or furnaces. And the first wo spoken of, as the result of the gospel trumpet, is ended. A. D. 70.

The first wo being accomplished, the other two woes were to come.

The sixth church to whom John was directed to write was Philadelphia. I heard, said John, the voice of ardent prayer to God and

I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar, which is before God,

the Lord Jesus Christ, from the church of Philadelphia, in public worship, and their prayer came from the four horns of the golden altar, from their consecrated hearts, which is before God; and their prayer was heard and answered.

14 Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates.

Saying to them, I will set those free from kingly power and oppression in the four quarters of the east quarter of the earth, who are subjugated to the idol kingly governments in the valley of the great river Euphrates. There shall be no more kingly government there. A. D. 70, the sixth month, October.

15 And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men.

I saw, then, that the churches of the Lord Jesus Christ, in the four quarters of the east quarter of the earth, where the great river Euphrates is, were loosed from the kingly power which oppressed them, and that the kingly government was temporal, and prepared to slay men. The terms, an hour, a day, a month, a year, are each understood as a year, making in all 4 years.

16 And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand and thousand; and I heard the number of them.

And the army of the kings, in the east quarter of the earth, with their horsemen, were two hundred thousand thousand; and I heard and knew the number of them. Jer. 46: 9, 10.

17 And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breast plates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire, and smoke, and brimstone.

Thus it was, I saw the destruction of those immense armies in the east quarter of the earth: in the vision I saw the horses and their riders, having breastplates of different colors, red, blue, and yellow. The faces of the horsemen were like lions, and their savage yells and thundering voice, with curses dire, blaspheming Jesus Christ and condemning christians to be burnt alive in furnaces of fire—suffocating them with smoke and brimstone.

Jacinth indicates that they were descendants of the tribe of Joseph. Red with yellow hue (brimstone) indicates the tribe of Judah.

18 By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths. D

By these three, fire, smoke and brimstone, was the third part of men killed, in the east quarter of the earth. Zech. 13: 9. The Jews of the ten tribes of Israel in Persia make the army..

19 For their power is in their mouth, and in their tails; for their tails were like unto serpents, and had heads, and with them they do hurt.

20 And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood, which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk.

21 Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.

CHAP. X.

1 And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet were as pillars of fire:

2 And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth.

3 And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices.

4p And when the

For their power was continually in their mouth; as they decreed to do, they did: they had power, with their arrows, like Sagittarius, the archer, to hurt men and kill them.

Those, who were not killed by these plagues, monsters or devils, repented not of the wicked works of their hands—for they were pagans; they worshipped monsters or devils—they also worship idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood, which they knew could not see, nor hear, nor walk.

Neither did they repent of the wickedness they knew they had done: they still continued to murder christian men and transgress the laws of God, developed in their minds. They knew the revealed law of God, thou shalt not kill, but they regarded it not. They were Jews turned idolaters.

CHAPTER X.

And I saw the Lord Jesus Christ, who as God came down on Mount Sinai in a cloud, in great majesty, and terrific splendor, and causing the law to be written for man, the same law which was developed in their understandings, but which they would not obey; and great glory was about his person; and his face, as the sun, shineth in his strength; his appearance from his feet up, as it were immense columns of fire.

And he had in his hand the law, which had been written on rolls of parchment, to be constantly before the eyes of men: and the right and left feet of his authority, east and west, were on the nations of the earth. Zech. 5: 2, 3, 4.

And the voice of his authority was loud and long, waxing louder and louder, as when a lion roareth: and when the law was proclaimed, seven thunders of denunciation uttered their voices, against idolatry, murder, profanity, sabbath desecration, lying, theft and adultery.

And when the law had uttered the seven

seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven, saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not.

5 And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth, lifted up his hand to heaven,

6 And swore by him that liveth forever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer;

7 But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.

8 And the voice which I heard from heaven spake unto me again, and said, Go, and take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel which standeth upon the sea and upon the earth.

9 And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me the little book. And he said unto me, Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but

thunders of denunciation against every man disobeying them, or not implicitly obeying them, I was about to write out the law again: And I heard a voice from heaven, saying unto me, Write not those things which the law has uttered; write them not: for the law secures not obedience from men, in the kingly governments, to Jesus Christ. Zech. 5: 8.

And the Lord Jesus Christ, who had authority over all the kingdoms of the earth, lifted up his hand of power to build up his kingdom;

And swore by Himself, for He could swear by no greater king, who created heaven, the earth, the sea, and all the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer to the kings of the earth, in the east quarter of the earth (Zech. 7: 13), that the time of his second coming was at hand, as predicted by the prophets, to establish and build up the kingdom to Messiah, the Prince. A. D. 70.

But when the church of Laodicea shall blow the gospel trumpet, the mystery of God's government, in the kingly governments, shall be finished, and at an end, and all things accomplished, as have been declared or predicted by the prophets of God. Zech. 9: 14, - 10: 6—12. For the vision is for many days. Dan. 8: 26; 9: 25; 1 Cor. 15: 52.

And the word of God, which came down from heaven, spake unto me again, and said, Go and take the law, which is in the hand of Jesus Christ, whose authority is over the kingdoms, and which law has been made known to all people. Take it, and make it the rule of perfect obedience. Be ye holy, as I am holy.

And I went, in accordance with the command, unto him, and said unto him, Give me the law, or little book. And he said unto me, Take it, and eat it up; your obedience to it will bring upon you bitter persecution and affliction; but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey. And when Jesus Christ revealed to

it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey.

10 And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it my belly was bitter.

11 And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.

me the fulfillment of the 70 years of desolation and dispersion of the holy people or church, and that there should be no longer delay in bringing to an end the idol kingdoms, in A. D. 70, by breaking them down, and making a new covenant with the house of Israel, and writing the law in their hearts;

I took the book of the law from the hand of Jesus Christ; it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, I experienced bitter persecution.

And in the vision which I had of the fulfillment of the prophecies, making them known to me, I saw the persecution which I was to endure—to be cast into a cauldron of boiling oil, and after that an exile to the isle of Patmos. A. D. 96.

The cup that John was to drink was very bitter.

And the Lord Jesus Christ said unto me, Thou must prophesy again: my people are scattered into the four quarters of the earth; the children of the tribes of Israel are not all in the east quarter of the earth, to which the vision has directed your eye: they are also in the west quarter of the earth: they will next claim your attention. For when God made promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no greater, He swore by Himself, saying, Surely blessing, I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee. For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry: and that which has been foretold by the prophets must be fulfilled. And thou must write the prophecy again, to come before many people, nations, tongues and kings: and write it as I bid thee, so that he that readeth it with attention may understand, and do the things which are commanded.

The reader will keep in mind that probably John had the vision four years before the destruction of Jerusalem, by Titus.

THIRD DIVISION.

CHAP. XI.

CHAPTER XI.

1 And there was given me a reed like unto a rod; and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein.

2 But the court which is without the temple, leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months.

3 And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.

4 These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.

5 And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies; and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.

And the prophecies of Ezekiel and Daniel were in my mind: and a measuring reed was given me to measure the house of prayer, and the Lord Jesus Christ said, Rise and measure the church of God: measure the prayers of them who worship therein. I hear the ardent prayers of the church of Philadelphia and Sardis. Zech. 2: 1, 2.

But the prayers of pagans, who worship idols and devils, or beasts, leave out, and measure them not: for their worship is given to beasts or kings, and they are enemies of my kingdom; they tread under foot my children and persecute me, and they will continue to do it three and a half years longer. The kings, who live in cities* (Nineveh and Babylon), will tread down New Jerusalem, the Holy City, under foot, forty-two months. Dan. 9: 25, 26.

And I will give power unto the church of Philadelphia, and Sardis, for their faith and prayer are my witnesses of ardent zeal, to build up my kingdom: and they shall continue to preach my gospel, and prophesy what the prophets have prophesied should come to pass, which will be in three years and a half, or forty-two months; but they will suffer persecution, and be clothed in mourning.

These two churches, by faith and prayer, are the olive oil branches, which empty of themselves, of the holy burning oil in the two candlesticks or churches; and the two churches, Sardis and Philadelphia, pray to God continually, standing steadfast in faith before God. Zech. 4: 2, 3, 6, 12.

And if any man will hurt or kill them, they pray with burning love for the church, and for my enemies and their enemy; and their prayer is heard and answered, and devoureth their enemies: they do not kill them, when they are murderers; for if any man will hurt or kill them, he must in this manner be killed.

6 These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophesy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues as often as they will.

7 And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them and kill them.

8 And their bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.

9 And they of the people, and kindreds and tongues, and nations, shall see their dead bodies three days and a half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves.

10 And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them and make merry, and shall send

They regard the law, Thou shalt do no murder, but they pray for Christ's kingdom to come among the nations.

These two witnesses, or churches, with strong faith and prayer, have power to stop the rain from descending to bless the wicked: they have power, when they lay hold of the arm of the King of kings, or Jesus Christ, to make the rivers of nations run with blood, and plagues, or kings destroy the wicked.

They pray that the wicked kings and idolatrous people might be destroyed, and Christ's kingdom be established.

And when they have finished or made a stop of their witnessing or praying, the creature, or the apostate of the church of Sardis, who for his great wickedness obtained the name of "Key of the Bottomless Pit," opened the bottomless pit, ascended out of the bottomless pit, and as a king he is seated on a war-horse, making war against the church of Jesus Christ, overcoming and killing them.

And when the churches stopped faith and prayer, then were they taken as captives, and marched in triumph in the street of the great city of the king, and their lifeless bodies were seen lying in the street of the wicked city, which was wicked like Sodom and Egypt, and Jerusalem also, which crucified our Lord.

The unbelieving Jews kill the converted Jews or christians, and many Jew converts apostatize from Christ.

And the people of nations shall see the lifeless bodies of men of these two churches for three days and a half, or forty-two months, and shall hinder their lifeless bodies from being buried and put into graves.

The three days and a half are the three years and a half, or the forty-two months, in which their dead bodies were raised to life: therefore they would not suffer the dead to be put into graves. 1 Cor. 15: 54, 55.

And the people that are subject to the wicked kings, rejoice over the miseries the churches are suffering. They make themselves merry over them, indulging in all acts of

gifts to one another: because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth.

11 And after three days and a half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet, and great fear fell upon them, which saw them.

12 And they heard a great voice from heaven, saying unto them, come up hither. And they ascended to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.

13 And the same hour was there a great earthquake and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand; and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.

14 The second wo is past; and behold, the third wo cometh quickly.

15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven,

wickedness, and congratulating one another, because these two churches, by their faith and prayer, witnessed against their wickedness, which was a continual torment before their eyes.

And after the expiration of three years and a half, in which they had endured so much, the spirit of life from God entered into them, and they were no longer lifeless bodies: their faith and prayer restored, they no longer lie in the street of the great city of the king: they stand up, living bodies, on their feet: their prayers were heard and answered, and great fear fell upon them which saw them. Dan. 9: 25, 26.

And they heard a great voice from the great head of the church, saying unto them, Come up hither; come up to me, to closer inspection of what is to take place in the earth, under kingly power. And they ascended up to the great head of the church in the presence of a cloud of witnesses, and their enemies beheld them. John 6: 39, 40. This is the resurrection of many who were killed. They were restored to life. John 6: 44.

And the same hour, or month, or year, there was a great earthquake and convulsion among the nations, and in war the tenth part of the city fell—the great city of the king, that opened the bottomless pit. And in the earthquake and war, seven thousand men were killed: those who escaped death were frightened, and yielded to the power of faith and prayer, and gave glory to the God of the church—to him who is the RESURREC-

TION, AND THE LIFE. A. D. 70, 7th
9 10 11 12 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
month.

The second wo, denounced against the east quarter of the earth, is past; and behold, the third wo cometh quickly upon them. A. D. 70, 8th month.

The seventh church, to whom John was directed to write, was Laodicea. This was the church of whom it was said, When he shall

saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants, the prophets. This church sounds the trumpet of the gospel, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

Here is the fulfillment or accomplishment of all the prophecies. Luke 22: 37. A. D. 70, 8½ months.

16 And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God.

The number of four and twenty elders or ministers in Laodicea, who ministered before God on their seats, or organizations, went down on their faces, in humble, adoring worship to God (these were Jewish converts, for the most part),

17 Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.

Saying, We give thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art God, and which wast God, and art to come, God. We give thee thanks, because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned, and hast fully accomplished all the prophecies, and the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of Jesus Christ, and he shall reign among them for ever and ever; and what was obscure in the writings of the prophets is now made plain, and fully known. A. D. 70.

18 And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldst give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldst destroy them which destroy the earth.

And the nations were angry, and made war with each other: and the time, as predicted by the prophets, to pour out thy wrath, is come, that the wicked kingdoms should be judged, and that thou shouldst give reward to thy servants, the prophets, and to the saints, and all that fear and love thy name (Matthew 25: 33, 34), and destroy the wicked kingdoms of the earth, which, with their immense armies, do destroy the lives of men on the earth. Ezekiel 39: 12.

19 And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament; and there were light-

And there was a great measure of faith and prayer in the church of God in Laodicea, and the ark of his testament, or manifestation of his glory, was seen in the church: and there were, in the wicked kingly governments, lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an

nings, and voices,
and thunderings,
and an earthquake,
and great hail.

earthquake, and great hail. A. D. 70, Sept.,
8½ months, or Daniel's 1335 days. Jerusa-
lem destroyed by Titus.

CHAP. XII.

CHAPTER XII.

And there appear-
ed a great wonder
in heaven: a wo-
man clothed with
the sun, and the
moon under her feet,
and upon her head
a crown of twelve
stars:

2 And she being
with child, cried,
travailing in birth,
and pained to be de-
livered.

3 And there ap-
peared another won-
der in the heaven;
and behold, a great
red dragon, having
seven heads and ten
horns, and seven
crowns upon his
heads.

4 And his tail
drew the third part
of the stars of hea-
ven, and did cast
them to the earth:
and the dragon stood
before the woman

And the appearance and manifestation of
God's glory in the church of Laodicea was
wonderful. The church appeared like a beau-
tiful woman, with her bridegroom or husband.
She was clothed with light, like the sun, and
the kings of the earth were under her feet,
and on her head as it were a crown of twelve
stars.

The church of Laodicea numbered a great
many members, and prayed earnestly to God,
to be delivered from pagan power. Zech. 2:
7. They also prayed for the conversion of
the people who were pagan.

With such a manifestation of God's power
in the church of Laodicea, it is a matter of
astonishment and wonder that there should be
a human being to oppose: but paganism is a
great wicked power. Here is brought to view
a certain noted pagan, whose name is not
mentioned, but who, by great wickedness and
persecution of the church, obtained the name,
"Great Red Dragon," with a crown on his
head, with seven other crowned heads in Asia
Minor, who were subject to him in part. The
names of the seven crowned heads are not
mentioned also; but for sake of designation,
we will call them Gongs, or Gogs, they being
the descendants of their father Magog, the
grand-son of Noah.

And the power of the red dragon was so
great that he subjected the seven gongs to his
will. Dan. 8: 21; 11: 3.

The great pagan red dragon stood up in op-
position to the church, claiming obedience
from every man to his government, and pagan
rights; and as fast as converts were made to
Christianity, he would kill them. Jude 1: 4;
Dan. 7: 8, 21; Mic. 4: 10—13.

which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.

5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron; and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.

6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared for God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.

7 And there was war in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels.

Jesus Christ being driven from the house of Shem, in the persecution which was made against his disciples and his brethren, withdraws to the house of Japheth, there to set up his kingdom. Churches were organized in many places throughout all Asia Minor, and paganism appeared to be fast coming to an end: then this great pagan dragon arose. Jude 1: 8; Dan. 8: 21.

The church of Laodicea refused to obey the laws of this great red dragon, and brought forth their strong reasons, saying, That God, who created the world, and created all men, hath given them laws, for obedience to him, and that he revealed through his prophets that a man child should be born, who should rule all nations with a rod of iron, and that Jesus Christ was declared to be the Son of God, and that, being put to death by the wicked people, he was raised up to sit on God's throne. Ps. 1: 6.

And the pagan red dragon was filled with wrath against the church. He sent out his orders to the seven gongs, throughout all Asia Minor, to assemble a very great army and march against Laodicea, to subdue them to obedience, for they were rebels against his kingly power, and not to spare any man who should say that Jesus Christ was king. The church, or christians of Laodicea, seeing such destruction coming, fled from the city, and sought refuge in the country, hiding in rocks, in dens and caves of the earth, believing that God would, according to his promise, protect them and feed them to the end of the three years and a half, as predicted by the prophets, which would shortly be ended: and the Jews were persecuted, as well as the christians which brought Michael against him. A. D. 67—May.

And the raising of this great army, by the great pagan dragon, brought the prince of Persia against him—a pagan prince. Michael and his officers fought the great red dragon and his gongs; and the great red dragon and his gongs fought. Jude 1: 9—11; Dan. 12: 1, 2; 8: 21; 11: 4; Haggai 2: 22.

8. And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down which accused them before our God day and night.

11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony: and they loved not their lives unto death.

12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Wo to the inhabitants of the earth, and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman that brought forth the man-child.

And the result of these great battles that were fought, was the destruction of the great pagan power in Asia Minor: their kings lose their crowns, being conquered by another pagan power. Jude 1: 13; Ps. 2: 0; Dan. 7: 26.

The great red dragon, or paganism, which held the people in subjection, and compelled them to worship kings or beasts, which were continually deceiving them, came to an end. The great red dragon and his gongs lose their crowns, and were reduced to a level with the men of the earth. Dan. 11: 4.

And the church of Laodicea, in public worship, say, God hath fulfilled the prediction which was made by his prophets, and hath heard and answered our prayers, and delivered us out of the hands of our enemy. Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ, in Laodicea, for the great red dragon and his gongs are cast down; who denounced our Jew brethren continually as rebels against him, when we were praying for their conversion and salvation.

The church prayed that Christ's kingdom might be built up, and that wicked kingly governments might come to an end. They overcame him by their faith and prayer, by the blood of the Lamb; and they loved not their lives, and preferred death to renouncing Christ and yielding obedience to the wicked kings.

Therefore rejoice, ye members of the church of Jesus Christ in all parts of the earth, and ye that live in the house of prayer. Wo to the pagan inhabitants of the earth, and of the sea—Hag. 2: 22—for the devil, or the wicked kings, is in the midst of you, having great wrath against the church, and he knoweth that he hath but a short time to deceive and oppress mankind.

When the great red dragon saw that he had lost his crown, and was reduced to a level with the people, he persecuted the church of Laodicea, who said that Jesus Christ was their ruler, that he was the Son of God, and seated on the throne of God. Jude 1: 14; Ps. 2: 5.

14 And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

15 And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood, after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.

16 And the earth helped the woman; and the earth opened her mouth and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.

17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

CHAP. XIII.

1 And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

And to the church was given two wings, like the wings of a great eagle, that they might fly with them in haste from the city doomed to destruction, to the country, and to a place prepared for their safety by Jesus Christ, who is the true hiding place of those who trust in him; there to be protected until the expiration of the three years and a half, from the persecutor, who now has the name, serpent.

And the persecutor, or serpent, with great venom, sent out a great flood of persecutors, pagans, who were like him, and would obey his orders, that the church might be overwhelmed and carried away by the flood.

And the church was helped by the people of the earth, and the prince of Persia opened his mouth and swallowed the flood which came out of the dragon's mouth, as the prophet Daniel had prophesied. Jude 1: 14, 15. Dan. 8: 20, 28.

And the dragon and serpent was wroth with the church, and with the great number or remnant of Jews, who had been converted to Christianity and belonged to the church, which keep the commandments of God, and have and give the testimony, or witness by faith and prayer, of obedience to Jesus Christ. Jude 1: 18, 19.

CHAPTER XIII.

And I, John, being on the Isle of Patmos in the vision, saw rise up before me a king. And I was standing, in the vision, on the sandy shore of that desolate isle, looking on the sea, and I saw a creature rise up out of the sea having seven heads and ten horns, and it was the same great red dragon that I saw, having a crown on his head, persecuting the church of Laodicea, with the help of his gongs; and they blasphemed the name of Jesus Christ. Ps. 2: 2. Asia Minor filled with slaughter, by battles between the Jews and Syrians. A. D. 66. John's age, 61—when he wrote.

2 And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.

3 And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wandered after the beast.

4 And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?

5 And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things, and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.

6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God; to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.

7 And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power

And the creature I saw was like a leopard; that changes not the spots on his skin, and his feet was like a bear, tearing to pieces, and his mouth like a lion, fierce and roaring against the church; and this creature which I saw with a crown, was a king, or the great red dragon, being crowned by the pagan people. Hab. 1: 8—10; Dan. 7: 6.

And I saw one of his gongs, having a crown on his head, as it were wounded to death, by the faith and prayer of the church, but his deadly wound was soon healed, and by the great power of paganism restored to idolatry again; and then the pagan people of the west quarter of the eastern quarter of the world wandered away from following Jesus Christ, and followed the pagan king. Dan. 6: 8.

And all the people that were pagan worshipped paganism, which created kingly governments in the east quarter of the world, and gave the king his power and authority; and they also worship the king their own hands had made, blaspheming the name of Jesus Christ, saying, Who made Christ a king?—he is no king, among men; but who is like the king we have made—who hath power—who is able to fight great battles when other kings make war with him?

And the pagan king spake great blasphemies, like the people, and the king and people have ability and power of will to continue their blasphemies, and pagan worship, and war, if they so choose, until the fulfilment of the prophesy of Daniel, or forty-two months. Hab. 2: 2, 3.

And the king of the pagans blasphemed God, in words too shocking to repeat to the ears of the church—blaspheming his names, and his tabernacle worship, under the laws given to Moses and the New Jerusalem church of Jesus Christ.

And he made war upon those who were saints in the church, with all his power, to overcome and destroy them; and he exercised his power over all the pagan nations that fell

was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.

8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world

9 If any man have an ear, let him hear.

10 He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword, must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

11 And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.

12 And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

13 And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men.

under his kingly power, or that he could conquer in war.

And all nations of the earth are pagan who have their kings: they bow down to them, and worship them. All men, whose names are not written by Jesus Christ in the book of life, as subjects of his kingdom among men, are the subjects of pagan kings. Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God, who, from the beginning of the world, was slain for the sins of the people, that he might set up his kingdom among men, and destroy paganism, or kingly government.

Men should hear what Jesus saith to them, in all parts of the world.

He that leadeth his enemy into captivity by means of war, shall go into captivity by war—he that killeth men by the kingly authority of men on the throne, with the sword, shall be killed with the sword. Here is the rule for the obedience of the churches of Jesus Christ. This, then, is the manifestation of the patience of Christians, in sufferings; and the faith of the saints—of those who are perfect in Christ. They who are filled with the Holy Ghost are perfectly sanctified.

And in the same direction, but beyond, I saw another king coming up out of the earth, and he was different from the others I had seen, and he had two horns of a lamb, or like the two horned ram spoken of by the prophet Daniel, which, interpreted, was Media and Persia: he was for war, and his blasphemous words were pagan. Dan. 8: 3; Hab. 1: 6.

The coming of this pagan king of Media and Persia soon brought back that gong, who had received a deadly wound by the faith and prayers of the church, to paganism, which caused the pagan people to worship the king, now that he was returned to paganism. Dan. 7: 8, 25, and 8: 20; Jude 1: 9.

And he, by his great wickedness in carrying on great wars with the nations around him, caused an immense number of pagan men to be killed. He also persecuted the church with fire, kindling the furnaces of fire with brim-

stone. Dan. 8: 24, 25; Deut. 4: 3; Mathew 13: 42.

14 And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword and did live.

15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

16 And he caused all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads,

17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred three score and six.

And he deceived the pagan people with the great display of his mighty army, and what he was able to do in the presence of the king, saying to them, that they should make an image to the king, which had the wound by a sword, (which was the sword of the Spirit, which was the word of God, which was the faith and prayer of the church, that gave him such a deadly wound,) for he is now returned to paganism, and is alive to your rights, as your king. Zech. 11: 6.

And, as a king, his will was to give life and effect to this decree, that the image of the king should be set up, to be worshipped by the pagan people—that it would be both a monument of his power, and remind them of their duty; and as many as would not worship the image of the king should be put to death, in a furnace of fire. Dan. 3: 4—6. This was like the decree of Nebuchadnezzar. Hab. 1: 11; Dan. 7: 25.

And he caused all the pagans, of all ages and conditions, to carry a distinct mark in their hands, or on their heads, which would show who were not christians, but who were pagans, worshipping the king. Jer. 28: 14.

And that no pagan man should trade with those who were followers of Jesus Christ, and worshipped him. The king's name must be the mark they must carry, or the number 666, or 18. Jer. 52: 21. The beast was the lion with wings, with a human face, subjecting men to kingly power, compelling them to worship the creature, which is idolatry.

Here is exhibited the wicked wisdom of the pagans. Let him who has made the word of God his counsellor, and hath understanding of the prophecies of the prophets of God, count up the number of this king's name. The number, being pagan, must indicate kingly power; for instance, NEBUCHADNEZZAR, KING,

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18

or name of a man, BELSHAZZAR YOUR

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14

KING, or MEDIA AND PERSIA KING;
 15 16 17 18 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18
 or other names. This decree was made to
 test the faith of christians; and whatever may
 be indicated by the number, it shows the wick-
 edness of the pagan kingly governments. Pa-
 ganism is antichrist; and all people who have
 kings are antichrist, or pagan; for Jesus Christ
 is A KING OF KINGS, the Alpha and Ome-
 ga. The first and the last 6 make twelve—
 ALMIGHTY KING. Dan. 7: 27.
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

CHAPTER XIV.

CHAP. XIV.

1. And I looked,
 and lo, a Lamb stood
 on the mount Sion,
 and with him an
 hundred, forty and
 four thousand, hav-
 ing his Father's
 name written in
 their foreheads.

While the distinctive marks, which were
 ordered by the pagan kings, was seen on the
 pagan people, I looked to see how it was
 with the people of God, with the church of
 Jesus Christ; and lo, I saw Jesus Christ, the
 Lamb of God, stood as a King (as David did)
 on the mount Sion (when he was king of Is-
 rael), and with him an hundred forty and four
 thousand of converted Jews, of the twelve
 tribes of the children of Israel, then being in
 the four quarters of the east quarter of the
 earth. I saw that they had his Father's name
 Jesus, as their King, written on their fore-
 heads. Zech. 12: 7, 8. Daniel 9: 25, 26.
 Hosea 3: 5.

2 And I heard a
 voice from heaven,
 as the voice of many
 waters, and as the
 voice of a great
 thunder: and I
 heard the voice of
 harpers harping with
 their harps:

And there was great commotion and war
 among the pagan people. But in the churches
 of Jesus, I heard the voice of prayer and praise
 to God, their King, in public worship—harp-
 ers harping with their harps. Zech. 13: 2.
 Dan. 9: 27. A. D. 67.

3 And they sung
 as it were a new
 song before the
 throne, and before
 the four beasts, and
 the elders: and no
 man could learn that
 song, but the hun-
 dred and forty and
 four thousand, which

And the converted Jews sung a new and
 different song of praise from what they once
 did, to Jesus, their King, before the kings of
 the earth in the four quarters of the east quar-
 ter of the earth; and no man, who was not a
 redeemed Jew, could so learn that song, but
 only the hundred and forty and four thousand,
 who were redeemed from the bondage they

were redeemed from the earth.

4 These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the first fruits unto God and to the Lamb.

5 And in their mouths was found no guile; for they are without fault before the throne of God.

6 And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue and people,

7 Saying with a loud voice, Fear God and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and sea, and the fountains of waters.

8 And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. E.

were in to serve the pagan kings, but whom they would not serve. Mal. 3: 16, 17.

They that had been carried away by pagan kings, from the land of Judea, had not defiled themselves with pagan image worship—the Babylonish woman; and although they were constantly seeing it, they would not do it, but kept themselves as virgins free from defilement. These are the number that sung the new song of praise to God and the Lamb, which obey Jesus Christ as their king and leader. These were the first fruits of the promulgation of the gospel among them. Dan. 9: 27. Hosea 14: 5—9.

And no false profession did they make in religion: they were sincere and consistent in their faith of Jesus Christ. They are perfect, and without fault, before the throne of God.

And I saw another church, different from the Laodicean, who had fled when paganism threatened her with death, and this church (the hundred and forty and four thousand) was without fault before the throne of God—they fly in the midst of the kingly pagan idol powers in the north, having the everlasting glorious gospel of Jesus Christ to preach to every nation, kindred, tongue and people. A. D. 68.

Saying with a loud voice (fearing no king or human power), to the people, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgments on the nations that worship idols, or images of their own hands' forming, is come; and worship God, that made heaven and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters, for the idol can neither see, nor hear, nor walk; for God hath said, I will destroy her shortly, or quickly. Zeph. 3: 14, 15.

And there followed the church in the north, a church in the east, or second quarter of the earth, saying, Babylon, or idol power, is fallen, is fallen, that great city which gave it its first existence; because she, by her power, made all nations drink of the wine cup of God's wrath; for God has judged and will judge all wicked pagan kingly governments, and de-

9 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,

10 The same shall drink of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb.

11 And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever; and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.

12 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

13 And I heard a voice from heaven, saying unto me, Write Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that

stroy them. For she has caused, by her example, all nations to commit fornication, or to become idolaters. Mal. 3: 5. A. D. 69.

And the third church (comprehending the seven churches in Asia Minor) followed, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the king, and his image, and carry in his hand a distinct mark of the number of his name, or have it on his forehead,

He shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is being poured forth like a desolating flood of waters, to drown the earth, for its pagan idol worship, and is poured out from the word of God, without mixture of mercy, into the cup of his indignation: and every pagan man, who is an idolator, or worshiper of an image, set up by order of the king, as the likeness of any creature, shall be tormented with fire, and smoke of brimstone, in the sight of the obedient, perfect or holy churches of Jesus Christ, and in the sight of the Lamb of God. Ezek. 20: 47.

And the suffocating smoke of brimstone, their torment, ascends up without any intermission; and they have no peace or rest, so long as day and night shall continue, and the smoke of their fires ascend up for ever and ever, or continually: they who worship the king, and his image, shall be destroyed; and those who are pagan, sacrifice themselves in the fires their own hands kindle. A. D. 70.

Here is distinctly brought to view the character of the two classes of men—the righteous and the wicked—the servants of Jesus, and the servants of Nebuchadnezzar—the pagan, and the christian—the sinner, and the saint: here is manifested the condition of the heathen, and the patience of the saints. Malachi 3: 18.

And I was commanded to write these things to the churches, by the word, which was made flesh, and dwelt among us, saying unto me, Blessed are the perfect, and without fault before the throne of God: they cease to live pagan lives; they are born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man,

they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

but of God: in their mouth was found no guile: these are they which die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit of God, witnessing in them and of them, that they may rest and have peace, so long as day and night continue, which God has created, and their works of faith do follow as an example, when their labors are ended.

14 And I looked, and beheld, a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle.

And my attention was now called to look, and behold, a mighty conqueror, **THE MAN,**
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 the Son of Man, and before him an immense army, coming up in the horizon like a white cloud: they were clothed in white robes, with palms in their hands, and **HE** had on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle. Hab. 3: 4.

15 And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe.

And another church (Sardis), in the fourth or west quarter of the east quarter of the earth, or in Asia Minor, came out of the temple, or house of prayer, saying with a loud voice to **THE MAN**, the mighty conqueror, the leader of the immense army of the hundred and forty-four thousand, clothed with white robes, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and reap the earth, for the time predicted by the prophets, of the forty-two months, is come for thee to reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe.

16 And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped.

And the mighty conqueror, as head of this army of believers of thousands of thousands, thrust in his sharp sickle on the earth, which is the harvest field, and the earth was reaped: for as the lightning that lighteneth out of one part of heaven shineth unto the other part under heaven, so shall the Son of Man be in his day. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed, taking vengeance on his enemies.

17 And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle.

And another church, the church of Philadelphia, came from the house of prayer, also having a sharp sickle, as one of the reapers in the harvest field.

18 And another angel came out from

And another church, the church of Laodicea, came from the altar of faith and prayer,

the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe.

19 And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great wine press of the wrath of God.

20 And the wine press was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the wine press, even unto the horse-bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.

CHAP. XV.

1 And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous, seven angels having the seven last plagues, for in them is filled up the wrath of God.

2 And I saw, as it were a sea of glass

which had power over fire. This church had a great measure of faith and prayer, and cried to THE MAN, the mighty conqueror, the

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King of kings, who was the head of the hundred and forty-four thousand, that had the sharp sword or sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the wicked pagan kingly governments, as a man gathers the clusters of the vine: for her grapes are fully ripe.

And THE MAN, who was the Word of God, the mighty conqueror, thrust his sickle into the earth, and gathered the wicked vine, or pagan kingly governments on earth, and cast them into the great wine-press of the wrath of God.

And after the harvest, or gathering of the grape clusters of the vine of the wicked kingly governments was made, and HIS kingdom

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fully established, then the great wine-press of his wrath was opened by the bloody wars of these pagan kings; and the wicked cities were the great wine-press, and rivers of blood flowed from them for the space of time of four years, and this after the kingdom of Jesus Christ was set up. Dan. 10: 20, 21; Dan. 11. A. D. 70.

CHAPTER XV.

And I saw a great and marvelous sign in each of the seven churches: on which was indelibly written the seven last plagues, or the decrees of pagan kings: for in them is found the wrath of God, namely, Idolatry, War, Persecution, Adultery, Theft or Kingly Power, Lying, and Murder: for in them is filled up the wrath of God, as written in his law. A. D. 70.

And in this state of things I saw, in the revelation made to me, as it were, standing on

mingled with fire : and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.

3 And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty : just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.

4 Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name ? for thou only art holy : for all nations shall come and worship before thee ; for thy judgments are made manifest.

5 And after that I looked, and behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened :

an immense mirror, which reflected with dazzling brightness and clearness, the immense mass of human beings, all mingled together, burning with fire and wrath against Jesus Christ and his churches. And I saw them that had gotten the victory over the pagan king, and would not worship the image, nor carry his mark, nor have the number of his name. I saw them stand on the sea of glass, like a band of brothers or musicians, having in their hands the harps of God.

And these converted Jews, or children of the ten tribes of Israel, sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty ; just and true are thy ways, thou King of Saints : thou hast redeemed us by thy blood.

Who, they ask with a voice of triumph, shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name ? for thou only art holy : for it is written, by the prophets, All nations shall come, and worship before thee ; for thy judgments in destroying the wicked pagan people, and their kings, are made manifest. Hab. 3: 13.

And after what I had seen, I saw Jesus Christ, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, the great head of the church, a minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not men.

For thus it is written, Behold the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah : and again ; For this is my covenant that I will make with the house of Israel : after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their minds, and write them in their hearts, and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people.

6 And the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, clothed in pure and white

And the seven ministers of the seven churches, namely, Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea, having the marvelous sign, on which

linen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles.

7 And one of the four beasts gave up to the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth for ever and ever.

8 And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled.

was written the seven plagues, came out of the Jew Tabernacle, or Temple, clothed with the garments of the new tabernacle, which the Lord had pitched; and not man, having clothed themselves in pure white linen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles.

And the king, or kingdom, of the fourth quarter of the east quarter of the earth, furnished to the seven churches a cup of the wrath of God, which they had filled by violation of his laws, which were enumerated on the sign they brought out of the temple, and this cup of wrath was the seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth for ever and ever, which they gave to the seven churches.

And the temple, which the seven churches came out of, bearing the marvelous sign, on which was written the denunciations of the law, was filled with smoke, so that the glory of God was no longer visible in it, and his power was no longer displayed in it, and no man was able to enter the temple of Judaism to do acceptable worship, until the seven vials were emptied, or fulfilled, as had been predicted by the prophets, and the word of God.

FOURTH DIVISION.

CHAP. XVI.

CHAPTER XVI.

1 And I heard a great voice out of the temple, saying, to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth.

2 And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous

And I heard a great voice of the denunciations of the law which came out of the church of Jewish converts, saying to the seven churches in Asia Minor, Go your ways and proclaim the wrath of God against the pagan people and their kings, for their image worship on the earth. A. D. 70.

And the first church, which was Ephesus, went and did as they were commanded, not fearing any man, and in answer to their faith and prayer, there fell a noisome and grievous

was sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image.

3 And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead man; and every living soul died in the sea.

4 And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters: and they became blood.

5 And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus.

6 For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy.

7 And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments.

8 And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire.

9 And men were scorched with great

sore, or plague, upon the pagan king and the pagan people, who were idolaters, worshipping the king, and the image he had set up, and thousands of pagans died of the plague, in the first quarter, and Nineveh was overthrown. Zeph. 2: 13. Nahum 3: 7; Ezk. 8: 8—10.

And the second church, which was Smyrna, did as they were commanded, and the sea became red with the blood of men killed from, or by reason of, their ships of war, and so great was the slaughtering of men, that every living soul died, and their power become extinct in India, the second quarter.

And the third church or angel, which was Pergamos, did as they were commanded, and the rivers and fountains of paganism and idolatry in Arabia poured forth a stream of blood, which inundated the earth in the third quarter.

And I heard the angel, or the church in Arabia, say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shall be, because thou hast judged thus.

For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets without mercy, in their adhesion to paganism: and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy. And Babylon was overthrown.

And I heard another, who served at the altar of gifts, and thanksgiving in the temple worship, say, Even so, Lord God Almighty; true and righteous are thy judgments on the wicked nations: for the way into the holiest of all is now open. Mal. 2: 7; 2 Pet. 1: 21.

And the fourth church, which was Thyatira, did as they were commanded, and paganism, in the exercise of its wicked power and idolatrous rights and worship of the sun, had power to scorch men with their furnaces of fire. This cup of wrath was poured upon the great red dragon, or paganism.

And men were scorched with great heat, burning themselves in the fires their own

heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory.

10 And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain,

11 And blasphemed the God of heaven, because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.

12 And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the ways of the kings of the east might be prepared.

13 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

14 For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth, and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle

hands had kindled; and they blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not of their wickedness, to give glory to God, as they should do.

And the fifth church, which was Sardis, did as they were commanded, and the throne, with the king and his kingdom, was full of darkness, and both pagan king and people gnawed their tongues, for the pain and misery they experienced; and in war many thousands of pagans lost their lives.

This cup of wrath was poured upon the king and his kingdom.

And they blasphemed the God of Israel and the name of Jesus Christ, because of the pains and miseries they experienced, as the just judgment for their wicked persecution of the church; and they repented not of their deeds of wickedness.

And the sixth church, which was Philadelphia, did as they were commanded; and the nations which are pagan, and surround and are in the great valley of the Euphrates, lose their kingly government, that they have no more kings, and that the way might be prepared to set up the kingdom of Jesus Christ.

This vial of wrath was poured out on the Euphratean kingdoms. Jer. 50: 2; Zeph. 2: 12; Dan. 11: 35.

And I saw the three wicked quarters of the earth come up, with unclean war spirits, with immense armies, and cover the earth like the frogs in Egypt: and they came at the command of the great pagan dragon, the king, and the false pagan prophet, making war with each other, killing thousands of thousands of pagan men. 2 Peter 2: 1, 3; 3: 3.

For they are the spirits and devils, working wonders among the pagan people, killing them in battles, to make conquest, and thereby extend their wicked power: and these kings, with their immense armies of thousands of thousands, go forth to battle, one with another, and gather their armies to the battle of

of that great day of the great day of God Almighty, in fulfillment of the prophecies of Daniel. 2 Pet. 2: 9, 12.

15 Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

Behold, said Jesus Christ, the Almighty, the King of all kings, I come upon them unawares, and at an unexpected time, and they shall be overthrown and destroyed, and lose all their power to destroy my kingdom. Blessed is he that watcheth with faith and prayer, and keepeth his robe white and clean, lest he become a pagan, and his nakedness and shame appear. 2 Peter 3: 10.

16 And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.

And the armies of the pagan kings gathered together to the field of slaughter, called in the Hebrew Armageddon. 2 Peter 3: 12.

17 And the seventh angel poured out his vial in the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven from the throne, saying, It is done.

Here is exhibited the power one church has, by their strong faith and ardent prayer to God, in the destruction of wicked kingdoms. He hears and answers their prayers in his own way and time. Dan. 11: 6.

18 And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not, since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great.

And the seventh church, which was Laodicea, did as they were commanded; and they poured out a cup of wrath all abroad into the world's atmosphere, or air: and there came a great voice of prayer from the church, for the destruction of pagan kingly governments, and the advancement of Christ's kingdom, and the salvation of the souls of men: and there came a voice from these kingly pagan governments, which had killed thousands of men in great battles, saying, It is done. God heard and answered their prayers in his own way.

19 And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.

And there were voices of wailing and anguish, of cursing and blasphemy, of confusion and convulsion, of thunders and lightnings from the pagans; and there was a great earthquake, as it were, swallowing up great cities, such as was not since men lived in them on the earth. Dan. 11: 36; 12: 1.

And the great idol city of the nations was divided into three parts, and the pagan cities of the kings in the nations, fell, and great Babylon, the mother of idolatry, came into remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath, for her great pagan wickedness.

20 And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.

21 And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.

And every beautiful island that was there disappeared, and the lofty mountains there were no longer found.

And there fell from the clouds of heaven, in a tremendous storm of wrath, mingled with lightning, fire, and a deafening roar of thunder, hail of the crushing weight of about a talent of sixty-two pounds; and men who were pagan called upon their idols to protect and save them, and blasphemed God, because of the hail: for the cup of wrath was exceedingly bitter, and the destruction of life was great.

Destruction of Babylon.

CHAP. XVII.

CHAPTER XVII.

1 And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters;

2 With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.

3 So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

4 And the woman was arrayed in pur-

And there came unto me the president of the church of Sardis, which had one of the vials of wrath, to pour on the pagan idol, and talked to me of the great wickedness of paganism, saying, I will show you the just judgment of God in destroying Babylon, the mother of idolatry, whose example and power extends over many nations. Hab. 2: 18, 19.

And the kings, in the east quarter of the earth, have voluntarily adopted her wicked idol worship, and the pagan people have been made drunk by her, with the filthy wine cup of her fornication. Dan. 11: 7.

So the church in Sardis took me away, in the spirit, into the country where the great red dragon was, who had a crown on his head, having the seven gongs, or Lydean kings, subjected to him: and I saw the mother of idolatry, or Babylon, seated on a red colored beast, or bloody king, full of names of blasphemy against Jesus Christ. Dan. 11: 13, 14.

And the woman, the mother of idolatry, or pagan Babylonish power, was arrayed in splen-

ple and scarlet-colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness, of her fornication :

5 And upon her forehead *was* a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

6 And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus : and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.

7 And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel ? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.

8 The beast thou sawest, was, and is not ; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition : and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, (whose names were not written in the book of life from

did costly garments, of purple and scarlet colour, decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having, as it were, in her hand a golden cup, full of abominations, and her filthiness was seen in the worship of the idol god: and the persecution of the churches of Jesus Christ, by this great red dragon, killing her children as soon as they were born, was very great.

And upon her forehead, in the sight of the church and of all the pagan people, was this mystery written: and the mark and number of her name was carried by this red dragon, which I saw in the wilderness, which was Babylon the great (Nebuchadnezzar king), THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS and abominations of the earth; and this red dragon, with a crown, and his ten gongs with crowns, wear the same mark (decree), written on their foreheads.

And I saw THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS, drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, in the red dragon, pouring out his flood after the church that had fled into the wilderness, I wondered greatly.

And the church of Sardis said, Why didst thou marvel? I will tell and explain the-mystery of the woman and the king, whom you saw carrying her mark and the number of her name—the same red dragon, who hath a crown. And the ten heads, or gongs, with crowns, are petty kings, seven heads of provinces, or kingdoms: Mysia, Lydia, Caria, Bithynia, Paphlagonia, Phrygia, Galatia, Lycania, Lysia and Pisidia.

The king that thou sawest, is the star that fell from the church and went back to paganism, and for his great wickedness obtained the name, "Key of the Bottomless Pit:" he was made king or commander of the army that was sent to Sardis for five months: he opened the bottomless pit, or kindled the furnaces of fire with brimstone, to burn christians: he shall go into perdition: and the pagan world,

the foundation of the world,) when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

9 And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are the seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth.

10 And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.

11 And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.

12 And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.

13 These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.

14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them; for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings; and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.

15 And he saith unto me, The waters

wonder, when they behold the king that was, and is not a king at the present time, and yet is to be a king.

The seven gongs, with crowns on their heads, are the seven mountains of pagan opposition to Christ's kingdom, which are carrying the mark of the mother of harlots on their foreheads: and here is the mind of paganism, which hath exhibited so much wisdom against his kingdom.

And five of the gongs, or kings, are fallen under the power of Michael, the prince of Media and Persia, and one is yet standing, and one is yet to come, and when he cometh, he will continue but a short time as king. Dan. 12: 1.

And the king, who was the fallen star, and was made a king, and is not a king now, even he was, and is, the eighth, and is in opposition to the church, in the character of the seven kings, and goeth into perdition.

And the ten horns, which are Mysia, Lydia, Caria, Lysia, Pisidia, Phrygia, Bithynia, Paphlagonia, Galatia, and Lycaonia, are ten kings, or kingdoms, which have received from the prince of Persia no kingdom as yet, but receive power as kings, or gongs, with the red dragon that was cast down by Michael the prince, for the short period of one month, or year. But Michael, the prince of Persia, is soon no more. Dan. 11: 19, 23.

These kings, being in subjection, have but one mind, and that to be obedient to the king set over them; and they give their power and strength to him, the great red dragon.

These shall make war with the Lamb, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he shall overcome them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings; and the churches, and all that are with Christ in them, are called, and chosen, and faithful. Mal. 1: 11.

And the officer of the church saith, you are to understand spiritually, and with your ration-

which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.

16 And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.

17 For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.

18 And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.

2 And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and

all mind. The waters of Babylon, where *the mother of harlots* sitteth, are nations of pagan men, over whom she has caused the flood of wickedness and idolatry to roll. And the great wars that have been made, she is the mother of them.

And the ten horns, Mysia, Lydia, Caria, Lycia, Phrygia, Bithynia, Paphlagonia, Galatia, Lycaonia and Pisidia, which thou sawest obedient to the king set over them, these shall hate *the mother of harlots*, and shall make her desolate, and naked, and shall, as it were, eat her, or devour her flesh, and consume her body with fire, and destroy her.

For God, who ruleth over all kingdoms, hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, to agree and give their kingdom to the king, who is the great red dragon, the persecutor of the church, until the end of the three years and an half: and the words of God, as spoken by the prophet Daniel, shall be fulfilled. Dan. 11: 18.

And **THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS**, which thou sawest, is that **GREAT IDOL CITY BABEL**, who reigneth over the kings in the kingdoms of the earth, and his name in the Hebrew is Abaddon, the field of slaughter. Jer. 7: 32.

CHAPTER XVIII.

And after the church of Sardis, by faith and prayer, had poured out her vial of wrath, I saw the church of Philadelphia, having great power, by reason of strong faith and ardent prayer, which, like lightning shining out of one part under heaven, shined and lightened the earth with the glory of Jesus Christ's kingdom, and this was her vial of wrath on the Idol, or Babylon. A. D. 70.

And the church cried with a strong voice, saying, The prophecies of the prophets are fulfilled, for Isaiah said, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, and all the graven images of her gods

is become the habitation of devils, filth, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

3 For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues,

5 For her sins have reached unto heaven and God hath remembered her iniquities.

6 Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled, fill to her double.

7 How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deli-

he hath broken unto the ground; and the church of Philadelphia lift up their voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, or persecutors, and the den of serpents, or persecutors, and a cage of hateful birds, or persecuting kings. Isa. 46: 11; Jer. 50: 1, 2.

For all nations, in the east quarter of the earth, have drunk of the cup of wrath, which has been poured out without mixture of mercy upon the pagan people, and their kings, who have worshipped idols, and carried the number of his name on their foreheads; and the merchants that traded, or sold her graven images, and become rich through the abundance of her manufactured gods, of gold, and silver, and iron, and brass, of stone and wood, have drunk of the cup of God's wrath. 2 Pet. 3: 12.

And I heard the word of God, as spoken by his prophets, which was in the church of Philadelphia, saying, come out of Babylon, my people, that ye drink not of the cup of wrath, which is to be poured out upon her, and that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her wrath, or plagues. Jer. 50: 8; 1 Pet. 5: 10.

For the sins of the MOTHER OF HARLOTS hath reached unto us, and we have suffered persecution by her pagan kings, and God hath seen her great wickedness, and hath remembered to destroy Babylon and her idols, as was predicted by his prophets. 2 Pet. 3: 1, 2, 3.

And the church prayed unto God that he would fulfil the prophecies, and reward *the mother of harlots*, for her great sins, as they were commanded to do, when they had suffered persecution and death from her, for not worshipping her idol, and wearing the mark, or name. They pray, that in the cup which she hath filled for them, they might drink a double portion of wrath and suffering, and drink out of their own cup. Jer. 50: 29; Heb. 10: 27.

She hath glorified herself, in her great riches, and lived sumptuously on her wicked traffic, therefore so much torment and sorrow give

siously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow.

8 Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her.

9 And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning,

10 Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas! that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is [thy] judgment come.

11 And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more:

12 The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood,

her: for she saith, in the pride and wickedness of her heart, I sit on my throne a queen, and I am no poor and obscure widow, who hath lost her husband, and I shall never see sorrow and death. Isa. 47: 7.

Therefore shall her destruction come in a year, or one day, for she is not able to put it off: death, mourning and famine shall waste her (*the mother of harlots*), for she shall be utterly burned with fire; for strong is the Lord who destroyeth her. Isa. 47: 11; Jer. 50: 9, 25; 2 Pet. 3: 8 10.

And the kings in the east quarter of the earth, who adopted her worship of idols, and became rich through her merchandize, and trade with her, shall bewail and lament for her trade, when they see the smoke of her burning ascend up like the smoke of an immense furnace of fire and brimstone.

And standing afar off, and beholding the conflagration, and fearing her torment, they cry out in great distress, Alas, alas! that great city; alas for BABYLON THE IDOL CITY, that mighty and magnificent city (Jer. 50: 36), for in one hour, or one day, is thy destruction come.

And the merchants, in the east quarter of the earth, shall weep and mourn over her, for no more trade can they have with Babylon, for no man buyeth their merchandize any more, for her destruction is come. 1 Thes. 5: 1—4; 2 Thes. 1: 6—9.

The merchants of Babylon were as intent on the acquisition of wealth as they were on the propagation of pagan superstition; (and in fact, the acquisition of gold and new territory is an unmistakeable index of the character of wicked nations in any age.) The merchandize of gold and silver, and precious stones, and pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of

and of brass, and
iron, and marble,

13 And cinnamon,
and odours, and oint-
ments, and frankin-
cense, and wine,
wine, and oil, and
fine flour, and wheat
and beasts, and
sheep, and horses
slaves, and souls of
men.

14 And the fruits
that thy soul lusted
after, are departed
from thee, and thou
shalt find them no
more at all.

15 The merchants
of these things, which
were made rich by
her, shall stand afar
off, for the fear of
her torment, weep-
ing and wailing,

16 And saying,
Alas, alas! that great
city, that was clothed
in fine linen, and
purple, and scarlet,
and decked with
gold, and precious
stones, and pearls!

17 For in one
hour so great riches
is come to nought.
And every shipmas-
ter, and all the com-
pany in ships, and
sailors, and as many
as trade by sea, stood
afar off,

18 And cried when
they saw the smoke
of her burning, say-
ing, What city is like
unto this great city!

most precious wood, and brass, and iron, and
marble, was, in the eyes of the Babylonish
merchants of more value than the christian re-
ligion, which had been made known to them
by the labors of the apostles.

And cinnamon, and odors, and ointments,
and frankincense, and wine, and wheat, and
beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots,
and slaves, and souls of men, were indiscrim-
inately alike articles of merchandize, and they
were excited to treat with much severity and
violence the followers of Christ, who warned
them of coming wrath for their wickedness.

Therefore the fruits that thy soul lusted after
are departed from thee, and all things which
were dainty and goodly are departed from thee,
and thou shalt find them no more.

The merchants of this great city, standing
afar off, beheld with fear and astonishment her
destruction, and, with weeping and wailing,
they say,

Alas, alas, that great city, Babylon. Her
citizens were clothed in fine linen and pur-
ple silk, and scarlet cloth, and their head orna-
ments were of the finest gold and precious
stones and pearls. Her splendid palaces and
costly images, her immense riches and extend-
ed trade, her dainty fruits and goodly drinks,
her mellow wines and sumptuous feasts, her
golden chariots and rich caparisons, are no
more. Alas, alas, Babylon is destroyed.

For in one year so great riches is brought to
an end. And in haste, and astonishment, every
ship-master, and a great multitude of terror-
stricken people in ships, and mariners, and
many that traded with distant places by sea,
fled from Babylon, and stood afar off,

And cried, when they saw the immense con-
flagration, saying, What city is like great
Babylon!

19 And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas! that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea, by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate.

20 Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her.

21 And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great mill-stone, and cast it unto the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all.

22 And the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, shall be heard no more at all in thee; and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft he be, shall be found any more in thee; and the sound of a mill-stone shall be heard no more at all in thee;

23 And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom, and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the

And the merchants of Babylon, being pagan idol worshippers, besmear their bodies with pigment, or paint; and cast earth of various colors on their heads, making themselves look horrid, crying out, in great anguish and distress to their idols, to save them, saying, Alas, alas, that great city, Babylon the great, wherein were made rich all that traded with different seaports, having ships sailing on the sea, at great cost and expense, for in one year is she made desolate and waste.

While the pagan merchants and persecutors of the church of Jesus Christ are lamenting their miseries and destruction, the church is commanded to rejoice at her destruction, because God hath heard and answered their prayers for her destruction.

And a mighty angel, or the church of Laodicea, whose prayers came from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, took up, with strong arms of faith and prayer, a great stone; thus suiting the action to their prayers, which was like unto a great millstone for its crushing weight, and cast it with great violence into the waters, or sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city be thrown down, and sunk in the waters, and shall be no more at all. Jer. 51: 63, 64.

And there shall be no church of Jew converts any longer in Babylon, and no voice of prayer and praise with musical instruments.

And all commerce and trade, of every kind, shall come to an end; and the great city of Babylon shall be without inhabitant.

And no man shall light a candle there any more. And the voice of Jesus Christ, and the voice of the church of Jew converts, which is the bride, the Lamb's wife, shall be heard no more at all in Babylon. **THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS.** For the merchants and great men of Babylon are idolators, and by their sorceries and wicked traffic, they have deceiv-

earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived.

24 And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth.

CHAP. XIX.

1 And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Allelulia: Salvation, and glory, and honor, and power, unto the Lord our God:

2 For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand.

3 And again they said, Alleluia; And her smoke rose up for ever and ever.

4 And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and wor-

ed all nations with whom they traded. God was righteous in destroying Babylon. Jer. 51: 47, 61, 62.

For in her was found the blood of prophets and saints. And her pagan idol worship, setting up kingly government, and raising large armies, and making war, and killing thousands of men, was displeasing and offensive to God. And he took her away, in answer to ardent prayer. Jerem. 52: 49.

CHAPTER XIX.

And after the vision I had, which I was ordered to write, of the destruction of Babylon, *the mother of harlots*, and her kingly system of image worship imposed on the pagan people, and the setting up of Christ's kingdom in the hearts of men, and the power they possessed in their separate seven organizations, I heard a great voice of much people in the churches, saying, ALLELUIAH, or JEHOVAH is
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 King. Salvation, glory, honor and power be-
 long unto the Lord Jesus Christ, our God.

For true and righteous are his judgments, for he hath set in judgment on THE MOTH-
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 ER OF HARLOTS, which did corrupt the
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 people in the east quarter of the earth, with her kingly image worship, persecuting and burning with fire and brimstone all who would not yield to them; and hath avenged, in her destruction, the blood of his servants, shed by their wicked hands.

And again they said, Alleluiah, and the smoke of the burning of the MOTHER OF HARLOTS rises up for ever and ever. This voice again was from the church of Jew converts.

And the kings and officers, of all ranks and conditions, in the four quarters of the east quarter of the world, fell down and worshiped

shipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen, Alleluia.

5 And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great.

6 And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

9 And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

God, who is King, saying, Amen, Alleluiah, Jehovah, PRAISE OUR GOD, A KING OF

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KINGS.

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And a voice of prayer and praise came out of the kingdom of God, i. e. of Jesus Christ, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great.

And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, of all nations, as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluiah: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Mal. 1: 11; Zech. 14: 9.

Let us, who are of the kingdom of Jesus Christ, be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him, for the church is his kingdom; for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife, which is the church, hath made herself ready to receive him, as her king, and husband.

And to the church, his wife, was granted that she should be arrayed in clean white linen, an emblem of her righteousness, the righteousness of saints.

The Jew converts are here represented as the bride, the Lamb's wife.

And he said to me, write, Blessed are they who have invitation, and come unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he who is president of the church saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God. Mat. 12: 2—10.

And I fell down to worship the church, at the feet of the presiding officer, making a mistake. And he, in great kindness, said unto me, See thou not that I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren of the house of Israel? that have the testimony of Jesus, and are the hundred and forty-four thousand, who have kept ourselves, like virgins, free from the defilement of pagan worship, of the Babylonish woman, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS:

WORSHIP GOD. The testimony and witness of Jesus is the spirit of prophesy. See chap. 22: 8, 9.

11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew but he himself.

13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

16 And he had on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS

17, And I saw an angel standing in the sun: and he cried with a loud voice,

And I saw the kingdom of Jesus Christ fully developed, in opposition to the pagan idol and kingly government of the mother of harlots, and the abominations of the earth; and behold, a white horse, with a mighty conqueror, and he was called Faithful and True, and in his righteousness he doth judge and make war.

His eyes of fire denote his omniscience and power and wisdom. Many crowns denote the immense number of conversions from Judaism and paganism, and the extent of his kingdom, but the unbelieving would not know and pronounce his name, JEHOVAH.

And his name is called THE WORD OF GOD, his number 12: and his garment was covered with the blood of his enemies.

And the great company of believers that were in the churches, being faithful and true, having put on the whole armor of righteousness, follow him, upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean—no blood on their linen: they had not made war, and slain their enemies.

And the word of God, from his mouth, was a sharp sword by which the nations were smitten: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron; and, as Almighty God, he treadeth down the pagan people, with their kings, in his wrath, as grapes are crushed in the winepress: and the blood of men ran in torrents, unto the bridles of the cavalry. Chap. 14: 20.

And as pagan kings had set up images, with their names engraven on the thigh of the image, in countries or nations they had conquered in war, so HE, as a mighty conqueror, hath on his vesture and thigh a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords. Zech. 14: 9.

And this church, which was Thyatira, pouring out her vial of wrath upon the sun, now appears standing in the sun, and with strong

saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come, and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God;

18 That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great.

19 And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.

20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

21 And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the

faith and ardent prayer, prays to the Almighty God, the mighty conqueror, that the armies of the pagan people, with their kings, who fly like ravenous birds in the midst of Christ's kingdom or churches, kindling great furnaces of fire and blaspheming God, might thus be gathered together, in great battles, to be destroyed: Ezek. 39: 17, 22; Dan. 11: 27.

That the ravenous birds, like eagles, might eat the flesh of their slaughtered armies—that there should be an universal destruction of the pagan kingly governments—that those who take the sword should perish by the sword; and whosoever sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed—that the prophecies of the prophets of God might be accomplished, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great, be food for ravenous birds, or blood-thirsty kings.

And I saw the great red dragon, and his gongs, and their armies, gathered together, to make war against one another, and in opposition to Jesus Christ, the great conqueror on the white horse, and THE WORD OF GOD, and against the great army of christians, who were converts from Judaism and paganism. Dan. 11: 20—29.

And the fallen star, that obtained the name "Great Red Dragon," and was a king, and with him the false prophet, Michael, the prince of Media and Persia, who kindled the furnaces of fire and brimstone, and deceived the pagan people, saying that they should make an image to the king, and worship Nebuchadnezzar—were both cast alive into a great furnace of fire, burning with brimstone, which was like a sea, or lake of fire, surging and roaring like the waves of the ocean. Ps. 7: 15, 16; 11: 6; Ezek. 31: 17; Dan. 11: 2.

And the remnant, or remainder, of the Jews and pagans, who escaped death by the great battles that were fought, and the furnaces of fire with brimstone that were kindled, were slain by the sword of the Spirit, which is THE WORD OF GOD: and the EAGLES were

fowls were filled with their flesh.

filled with the flesh of the slain. Dan. 11: 12; Zech. 14: 12.

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1 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit, and a great chain in his hand.

2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years.

3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled; and after that he must be loosed a little season.

4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his

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And in vision I saw Jesus Christ, the great head of the church, who came down from heaven, and was A KING OF KINGS, THE CONQUEROR, having the fallen star (who^{1 2 3} _{4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12} for his great wickedness, obtained the name "Key of the Bottomless Pit," and was a king) in his hand: also a great chain of power in his hands, or keeping.

And THE CONQUEROR laid hold of the great red dragon, that old Serpent, the PERSECUTOR, which is the Devil and Satan, and bound, or limited him, or restrained by another power, a thousand (years) days, unto the judgment of the great day (Jude 1: 6, 7; Ezek. 38: 17),

And cast him, who was the fallen star (i. e. key of the bottomless pit, or Devil), into a fallen state, as king, for his great wickedness, and closed his kingly days for a time: and a sealed decree was made, that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand days should have passed, or the three years and a half, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, should be fulfilled: and after three years and a half, he must be loosed and set at liberty for a little season, to persecute. Jude 1: 4; Ezek. 39: 11.

And I saw the kingly thrones of these ten horns, Mysia, Lydia, Caria, Lysia, Phrygia, Paphlagonia, Galatia, Bithynia, Lycaonia and Pisidia, and the seven kings that sat upon them; and judgment, or destruction, was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded by these kings for their faith in Christ, who witnessed that Jesus Christ was King of kings, THE WORD OF GOD, and which had not worshiped the king, neither his image,

image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

5 But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.

6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

7 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,

8 And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Mahog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.

neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands: and these martyrs, who were beheaded, and yet lived as Christ is alive, reigned with him until the expiration of the thousand days, or fulfillment of the prophecy of Daniel. A. D. 70. They were restored to life again. 1 Cor. 15: 57, 58; Dan. 12: 2.

But those of the dead, who were not christians, lived not again until the fulfillment of the prophecy, or the completion of the three years and a half. They were not restored to life again. 1 Cor. 15: 56.

The three years and a half is the first resurrection period from death to life, in which many were raised to life again, living and reigning with Christ. 1 Cor. 15: 54, 55; Gal. 2: 20; Col. 3: 1, 3, 4; 1 Cor. 15: 23, 24, 26; Matt. 11: 24, 25.

Blessed and holy are those who have the faith of Jesus Christ, those that have been born again, and passed from death to life, that have part in the first resurrection, or the three years and a half predicted by the prophet: on such, persecution, beheadment, or furnaces of fire (the second death) hath no power to make them give up their faith and relinquish the life they have in Jesus Christ, their King and God: they live and reign with Christ, fulfilling the three and a half years.

And when the three years and a half are expired or ended, the persecutor, who is called Satan, shall be let loose from his prison, or the sealed decree which was made, that he should deceive the nations no more until the expiration of the three years and a half: then he renews his wicked work of persecution.

And this king and persecutor, who is also called "key of the bottomless pit," and "great red dragon," shall go out to deceive the nations in the four quarters of the earth, to gather together great armies of the Gentiles, or Gog and Magog, to go to war with one another: and the great numbers of men, making their armies, is innumerable as the sand of the sea. Ezek. 38 and 39; Dan. 11: 30.

9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.

10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them; and they were judged every

And they went up from the north and south, and spread abroad to cover the earth, and came round the camp of the saints, and compassed the churches of Jesus Christ, and the beloved city, New Jerusalem: and their great battles, in war with one another, killing thousands of thousands of men, was the fire of God's wrath, come down from God, in answer to the prayers of the saints, to destroy them. Dan. 11: 40.

And the persecutor, who was called Devil and Satan, was cast into the lake of fire, or furnace of fire and brimstone, i. e. the king, who was called "red dragon," with the false prophet, prince of Persia, and they shall be tormented day and night, so long as they continue their great wickedness, even for ever and ever, or perpetually. Jude 1: 7, 9, 13, 15, 17, 18; 2 Pet. 3: 7, 8.

And I saw a great white throne, of great beauty and splendor, and He who is A KING OF KINGS sat on it, and He being THE CONQUEROR, the great army of the pagans, with their kings and wicked idol governments, fled from his presence; and in no place could they be found in war, killing men.

And I saw those that had been killed for witnessing that JESUS WAS KING, stand alive, small and great, before THE CONQUEROR, before GOD: and the two tables of the HOLY LAW OF GOD were opened, and another book, THE WORD OF GOD, which is the BOOK OF LIFE: and the wicked pagan people who had transgressed the HOLY LAW OF GOD, and refused to obey THE WORD OF GOD, were judged and destroyed according to their works. Ezek. 38: 16, 22, 23.

And they who were drowned in the sea, for witnessing that JESUS WAS KING, stand alive, small and great, and all that were beheaded, or burnt in furnaces of fire with brimstone, or buried alive, or put to death by any mode of torture, these all stand alive before THE CONQUEROR, and they are judged

man according to
to their works.

14 And death and
hell were cast into
the lake of fire. This
is the second death.

15 And whosoever
was not found
written in the book
of life was cast into
the lake of fire.

and rewarded, every man according to his own works: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him to the expiration of the forty-two months, or the fulfillment of the three years and a half. Dan. 11: 35, 36; Ezek. 39: 29; 1 Cor. 14: 31, 32; 1 John 5: 12, 21; Gen. 15: 6, 7, 8, 11, 14.

And death by persecution, for not worshiping the king and his image, came to an end, or was stopped; and the furnaces of fire, called hell, were no longer kindled with brimstone, after the false prophet and his kings were cast into this lake of fire. This is called the second death. Ezek. 38: 22; Dan. 11: 44; Mal. 4: 1.

And whosoever were found, by the wicked pagans, who did not worship the king and his image, and who, by their prayers, had brought such miseries on them, and great destruction of human life, were, by the pagans, in revenge, cast into furnaces of fire with brimstone.

And all who were engaged with the kings in waging war, whose names were not written in the book of life, and were not christians, carrying the mark, JESUS WAS KING, were cast into the lake of fire; and their burning was called the second death. The righteousness of the saints was made manifest: the prayers of the church were heard and answered. Ps. 11: 6; 2 Pet. 3: 12. Dan. 3: 22.

Triumph of Christ's Kingdom.

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1 And I saw a
new heaven and a
new earth: for the
first heaven and first
earth were passed
away; and there
was no more sea.

And in this state of things, in which the heavens, or kingly governments, pass away with a great noise, and the elements of kingly power melt away, I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first kingly government set up by Nebuchadnezzar on the earth had passed away; and there was no more dashing of

2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

the angry elements against each other like the proud waves of the sea, when they lift up themselves on high. Isaiah 65: 17; 66: 22; 2 Peter 3: 13.

And I John saw the kingdom of God, the Holy City, the church of Jesus Christ, New Jerusalem, coming, as it were, down from God, out of his kingly throne in heaven: and the church was expecting and looking for the coming of her Lord, and, like a bride adorned with her robes, prepared to receive her husband, with a holy, loving heart.

John's attention was now called by a great voice: Jesus Christ said to him, Behold the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Judah; I will put my laws into their mind and write them in their hearts. Behold the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God. Heb. 8: 10; Joel 3: 17; Ezek. 11: 16, 20.

And God shall, as the prophets have declared, wipe away all tears from their eyes: and there shall be no more death by persecution, neither sorrow for brethren killed by the sword or burned alive in hell-fire, or furnaces of fire with brimstone: neither shall there be any more pain or misery, like that which has been experienced, for they passed away, and are gone.

And THE WORD OF GOD, in the KINGDOM OF GOD, said, Behold I will make all things new. Is. 66: 22. And he said unto me, I am God Almighty: write in a book that which thou hast seen, and send unto the seven churches; for these words are true and faithful. Dan. 2: 44; Is. 66: 22.

The nations had drunk of the water of the wells the kings had digged for them, but it did not allay their immortal thirst, and like the woman of Samaria, they had five lords which were not their husbands truly. But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him, shall never thirst: but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water

7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God and he shall be my son.

8 But the fearful and unbelieving, and abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

9 And there came unto me one of the seven angels, which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.

10 And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,

springing up into everlasting life: for I am **A KING OF KINGS**, the Alpha and the Omega. John 4: 19; Is. 66: 12.

He that is faithful and true in obeying the commands of the Lord Jesus Christ, loving Him with all the heart, and getteth the victory over the kings of the earth, and receiveth not the mark in his hand, and yields not, when persecuted by Satan, with his furnaces of fire with brimstone, I will be his God, and he shall be my son. Isa. 65: 9.

But those who fear the kings and worship them, and are unbelieving, having no faith in me as **THE WORD OF GOD**, and are murderers, and worshipers of idols, and sorcerers, and liars, and drunkards, and thieves, and all such as are carnally minded and love the things of the world more than they love God, shall have their portion, or allotment, in the lake of their own hands' forming, which burneth with fire and brimstone; which is their own second death. The first death is in sin; the second, the penalty of the law—death. Is. 65: 11; 1 Cor. 15: 56.

And there came to John, the angel, or president of the church of Laodicea, and talked with him, showing how God had fulfilled the prediction made by his prophets, in destroying the wicked kings and the idol worshipers, in answer to the prayers of the church, and that Jesus Christ had established his kingdom on earth. Now is come salvation and strength, and the kingdom of our God and the power of his Christ, and the church is the bride, the Lamb's wife, and the kingdoms of this world are become the 'kingdoms of our Lord, and he shall reign for ever and ever.

And being in the spirit, he carried me away by his talk, to a great and commanding point of observation, like to a high mountain, and I saw that great city, the holy city Jerusalem, the **NEW JERUSALEM**, coming down from God, out of his throne in heaven; and **THE WORD OF GOD** dwelt among us. This was the church of the one hundred and forty-four thousand converted Jews—

41 Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper-stone, clear as crystal;

12 And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel.

13 On the east, three gates; on the north three gates; on the south, three gates; and on the west, three gates.

14 And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

15 And he that talked with me, had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof.

16 And the city lieth four-square, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length, and the breadth, and the height of it are equal.

17 And he measured the wall thereof, an hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel.

18 And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and

Having the glory of God: and the light of the New Jerusalem, or church of the converts from Judaism, was most precious, clear as crystal. The church, as a building of God, was more beautiful than the temple; her walls salvation, and her gates praise.

And the church had a wall of strength, with high towers for salvation, and she had twelve gates of wisdom and judgment, and twelve courses in the offering of sacrifice for sin, one each month in the year, which are of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel.

Joseph, Benjamin and Manasses—East;
Reuben, Judah and Levi—North;
Simeon, Issachar and Zebulon—South;
Gad, Asher and Naphtali—West.
Ezek. 48: 30—35.

These are the twelve foundations, stores of name; and in them and from them were taken the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

And the president, or star of the church of Laodicea, who talked with me, had a precious measure of faith, to measure the prayers of the church of the new Jerusalem, their wisdom and strength, their praise and thanksgiving to God.

And the New Jerusalem church was perfect in its four sides, North, East, South and West, in the east quarter of the earth: the length of the east quarter was from east to west, and the breadth was from north to south: and he enumerated the number of Jew converts to Christ, an hundred and forty-four thousand, or twelve thousand from each tribe in the east quarter, through the length and breadth of the earth.

And he enumerated their wisdom and strength, and the length of their wall in the east quarter of the earth, i. e. the conversion of the hundred and forty four thousand, in answer to their prayers; and this was the enumeration of the star of the church of Laodicea.

And the wall was built of hard, precious stones, and the gates more precious than any:

the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass.

19 And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald;

20 The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth beryl; the ninth a topaz; the tenth a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst.

21 And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl; and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass.

22 And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.

23 And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

the new Jerusalem church was like pure gold, clear as glass or crystal.

And the foundation stones were of curious workmanship, of all manner of precious stones, beautifully arranged:

1. Jasper, very hard, in color sea-green, represents the tribe of Reuben;
2. Sapphire, fine blue, represents Simeon.
3. Chalcedony, pelucid gem, represents Levi.
4. Emerald, bright green, represents Judah.
5. Sardonyx, mixed black, white and red, represents Manasses.
6. Sardius, blood red, represents Naphtali.
7. Chrysolite, or gold stone, green with yellow, represents Gad.
8. Beryl, bluish green, represents Asher.
9. Topaz, pale dead green, with yellow, represents Issachar.
10. Chrysoprasus, cloudy green with bluish hue, represents Zebulon.
11. Jacinth, very precious, red with yellow hue, represents Joseph.
12. Amethyst, a gem, strong blue with deep red, represents Benjamin.

And each twelve gates, or apostles of the Lamb, were like twelve beautiful white pearls, clear as crystal, or glass; and the street, or way of righteousness, in the church of the New Jerusalem, was precious, like pure gold, transparent as glass.. Ps. 24: 7.

And in the new Jew church of Jewish converts, I saw that they had no temple which they worshiped, as they did when they turned away their heart from God and worshiped idols: for the Lord God Almighty, even Jesus Christ, is the temple, the object they now worship.

And the New Jerusalem has no need of kingly governments, or of their reflected light to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, by THE WORD OF GOD. Isa. 60: 20. The kingly government of Jesus Christ was all goodness—favor to the righteous; and punishment to the wicked.

24 And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honor into it.

25 And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.

26 And they shall bring the glory and honor of the nations into it.

27 And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination or maketh a lie; but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

And the nations of them who are saved, shall walk in the light of **THE WORD OF GOD**; and the kings of the nations in the east quarter of the earth do bring their glory and honor into it. Ps. 22: 27, 31; Isa. 60: 16.

And the gates and streets that lead to **THE WORD OF GOD** shall not be shut at all, but shall stand open by day; for there shall be no night in her gates or streets. Isa. 60: 11.

The apostles, with great zeal and wisdom, preach the gospel kingdom, urging men to enter the city, New Jerusalem, through the gates.

And the nations, through these gates, shall bring the glory and honor to Jesus Christ, **THE WORD OF GOD**.

And there shall not enter, through these gates, any that defile themselves with kingly idol worship; neither any that worketh abomination, by carrying the mark of persecution, or any one that maketh a graven image, i. e. a lie; but they whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life, shall enter through, and be **SAVED**.

CONCLUSION.

CHAP. XXII.

1. And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every

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And the star of the church of Laodicea showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, like the river in the garden of Eden, and it proceeded out of the throne of God and the Lamb. Ezekiel 47: 6—8; Ps. 12: 5.

In the midst of the street of the New Jerusalem, and on either side of the river, north and south, through the length and breadth of the earth, was there **THE WORD OF GOD**, the **TREE OF LIFE**, in the garden of Eden, which begat twelve apostles, which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor

month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

3 And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:

4 And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.

5 And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

6 And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true. And the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done.

7 Behold I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of this book.

8 And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things.

of the will of man, but of God, which bear each of them, fruits of holiness and perfection; yielding fruits every month, or year; and the leaves of this tree of life, which is **THE WORD OF GOD**, are for the healing
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
of the nations.

There shall be, among the apostles, no selling of their birth-right; no more curse shall they inherit, by reason of not obeying **THE WORD OF GOD**. And the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in **THE WORD OF GOD**, in the churches, and his servants shall serve him. Dan. 9: 24.

And they shall live in his presence, beholding the glory of his face, and they shall wear his mark, or name, in their foreheads.

And there shall be no night or darkness in the church; for **THE WORD OF GOD** shall be in them, giving them light: and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever. Mal. 4: 2.

And the star or angel of the church of Laodicea said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true. And the Lord God of the holy prophets, sent his star, or angel, to show unto his servants in the churches the things which must shortly be done. Dan. 12: 9.

Behold, I come quickly, to destroy the wicked nations: blessed is he that keepeth the prophecy of this book until I come, that he may escape the destruction that is coming in a few days upon the wicked. Dan. 12: 12; Mal. 4: 1.

And I John saw these things in vision, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen the glorious appearance of the church of converted Jews, or New Jerusalem, pure, holy, perfect, precious as glass, glowing with light, and zeal, and love, I fell down to worship it, before the feet or in the presence of the bishop of the church of Laodicea, who was a prophet or preacher.

9 Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not; for I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God.

10 And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand.

11 He that is unjust, let him be unjust still; and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still; and he that is holy, let him be holy still.

12 And behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

13 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

14 Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

He saw me do it, and knowing I had made a mistake in my zeal for the service of God, and in my ardent love for the church: he said to me in great kindness, See not thou art mistaken; for I am thy fellow-servant, and of thy Jew brethren, one of the prophets, and of them which keep the commandments or THE

WORD OF GOD: WORSHIP GOD.

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And Jesus Christ, THE WORD OF GOD, saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of this book, which I have commanded thee to write, but preach the preaching that I bid thee: for the time is close at hand when the prophecies are to be fulfilled, and the wicked idol nations destroyed. Dan. 12: 9, 13; Mal. 4: 1.

He that is unjust, or not justified by faith in my name, let him be unjust still: and he who is filthy, or polluted with his filthy, obscene idol worship, let him be filthy still: and he that is holy and righteous or obedient to my commandments, let him be righteous, let him be holy.

And behold I come in a few days, in the KINGDOM OF GOD; and my reward is with me to give to every man, whether he be Jew or Gentile, according as his work shall be.

I am THE ALPHA AND OMEGA: 7

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and 9 are 16: I am THE WORD OF GOD,

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A KING OF KINGS, the Alpha and Ome-

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ga, the first and the last, GOD ALMIGHTY.

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Ps. 24: 10. His number 7, 6, 2, or 15, A

KING OF THE KINGS. Dan. 9: 15.

The first, 7, and the last, 2, make 9, LAMB

OF GOD.

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Blessed are all men who keep or obey the commandments of God, that they may have authority given them to command the blessing of God, and right to the TREE OF LIFE, and may enter, with his mark or name, through the gates, or twelve apostles, of the city, NEW JERUSALEM. Jer. 1: 15.

15 For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.

16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.

17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

18 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book.

19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

20 He which testifieth these things, saith, Surely I come quickly: Amen.—

For out of the city, NEW JERUSALEM, are pagans, or prowling and ravenous dogs, sorcerers or wicked magicians, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and makers of idols, or liar makers. Jér. 1: 16; Mat. 5: 21; Luke 11: 19, 20.

I JESUS have sent my messenger from the church of Laodicea, who is a prophet and a preacher of righteousness, and perfect, to testify and bear witness unto you these things, as they shall come quickly, in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, who was KING OF ISRAEL, and a bright and

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A MORNING STAR.

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And the Spirit, or THE WORD OF GOD, and NEW JERUSALEM, the Lamb's wife, say, Come; and let him who is a Jew, that heareth say, Come; and let him who is athirst, come; and whosoever will, either Jew or Pagan, let him take the water of life freely. Isa. 51: 1; 54: 5; 55: 1.

For I testify and witness unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man, whether Jew or pagan, shall lessen or curtail, and in unbelief and wickedness shall add unto these things which are quickly to come to pass, as prophesied by the prophet in THE WORD OF GOD, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book.

And if any man, Jew or pagan, shall wickedly add, or give any other meaning, to the words of the prophecy of this book, than that which is given, showing the fulfillment of the prophecies in setting up the KINGDOM OF GOD among men, God shall take away his part out of THE WORD OF GOD, the book of life, and out of the Holy City, NEW JERUSALEM, and from the things which are written in this book.

He which testifieth these things, saith, Surely I come quickly, to establish the KING-

Even so, come,
Lord Jesus.

DOM OF GOD among men: Amen. Even
so, come Lord Jesus.

21 The grace of
our Lord Jesus Christ
be with you all.
Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with
you all. Amen.

THE PRAYER,

**Which Jesus Christ taught his Disciples---
its import and meaning.**

The Prayer consists of an

INVOCATION, SEVEN PETITIONS, and DOXOLOGY.

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INVOCATION.

Our Father,

Our Father—the creator and preserver of our lives; we, thy children, love and bless thy name, as our God,

who art in heaven,

Who art a Spirit in the kingdom of Jesus Christ among men:

Hallowed be thy name,

We hallow and bless thy name, as the God and Father of our Lord Jesus, and of all men on the earth: we worship thee.

FIRST PETITION.

Thy kingdom come,

Let thy kingdom come, predicted by the prophets, the kingdom of heaven, of the Lord Jesus Christ, among all nations.

SECOND PETITION.

Thy will be done;
as in heaven, so in earth.

Thy will be done, in all idolatrous nations, by their repentance for sin, in worshiping idols, or kings: may they become children of God, in the kingdom of heaven, even of our Lord Jesus Christ, worshiping God.

As he is worshiped in the church of God, by saints and angels, so may the pagan nations of the earth worship HIM: for the kingdom of God is with men, and HE shall dwell among them, and be their God and they shall be his people,

THIRD PETITION.

Give us day by day
our daily bread.

Give us, thy children, day by day, all things
that we need, as thou hast promised in **THE**
WORD OF GOD to those that ask thee in
FAITH: for **THOU** art the giver of all
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GOOD.
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FOURTH PETITION.

And forgive us our
sins :

We are conscious of our transgressions of
THY HOLY LAW. We have sinned, and
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ask mercy at thy hand, O God. O forgive
us our past sins, for thy great name's sake.

FIFTH PETITION.

For we forgive every
one that is indebted
to us.

By thy **HOLY SPIRIT** in our hearts, we
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are willing to, and do forgive every one that is
indebted to, or sins against us.

SIXTH PETITION.

And lead us not into
temptation ;

Lead us not into bondage to the wicked
kings of the earth, as we are liable to tempta-
tion to become idolators, by obeying them.

SEVENTH PETITION.

But deliver us from
evil.

But deliver us from the evil to which we
are constantly exposed; for how shall we do
this great evil in thy sight and live. O redeem
us to thyself, O thou Great **REDEEMER**.
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DOXOLOGY.

For thine is the king-
dom, the power, and
the glory, for ever.
Amen.

Since the kingdom is thine, and thou art
A KING OF KINGS, the power and glory is
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thine forever. Amen (a Hebrew word), so
be it.

TABLE OF RELIGIOUS NUMBERS.

single or combined. Their Signification and Use.

I	indicates I—beginning, light, law, life, power, wisdom, Emanuel, goodness, truth, end,	X
II	“ HE—THE MAN, God-man, union of Spirit and flesh,	II
III	“ GOD— ^{1 2 3} combination of 1 and 2—making ONE, ^{1 2 3} LAW,	I
IV	“ KING— ^{1 2 3 4} “ 2—North, South, East, West, LIFE, ^{1 2 3 4}	IV
V	“ JESUS— ^{1 2 3 4} “ 3—MERCY, ^{1 2 3 4} POWER,	V
VI	“ CHRIST— ⁵ “ 4—GOD-MAN, ⁵ WISDOM,	VI
VII	“ JEHOVAH— ⁶ “ 5—MESSIAH, ⁶ EMANUEL, ⁷	III
VIII	“ ALMIGHTY— ⁷ “ 6—REDEEMER, ⁷ GOODNESS, ⁸	VII
IX	“ LAMB OF GOD— ⁸ “ 7—WORD OF GOD, ⁸ GOD'S TRUTH, ⁹	VIII
X	“ THE HOLY LAW— ⁹ “ 8—ALPHA OMEGA, or 5 and 4, ⁹	IX
XI	“ KING OF KINGS— ¹⁰ “ 9—JESUS CHRIST, or 5 and 6, ¹⁰	XI
XII	“ ALMIGHTY KING— ¹¹ “ 10—NEW JERUSALEM, or 5 and 7, or 6 and 6, XII ¹²	XII

TABLE OF NUMBERS,

And Character of the Sons of Jacob, or Israel, and their National Character.

- I—REUBEN—Beginning—excellency of dignity and power.
- II—SIMEON—Unstable—erring—sinful man—warring.
- III—LEVI—Priest—angry—cruel—fierce—warring.
- IV—JUDAH—King—law-maker—powerful—warring.
- V—DAN—Idolator—robber—separated from his brethren.
- VI—NAPHTALI—Rebelious—not regarding the rights of God or man.
- VII—GAD—Kingly in spirit, he conquers his enemies at last.
- VIII—ASHER—Prince—living on royal bounty—warrior.
- IX—ISSACHER—Slave—submitting to oppression and deprivations.
- X—ZEBULON—Ship merchant—engaged in wicked human traffic.
- XI—JOSEPH—A righteous man—obeying God's law.
- XII—BENJAMIN—Beloved—avaricious—loving to get spoil—warring.

PRINCIPLES REVEALED

IN THE

Holy Books of the Old and New Testament.

1. That there is but one uncreated, infinite and eternal Being, the Creator, Preserver and Governor of all things, who is called God, Jehovah, Messiah, Lord.

2. That the mode of his existence, as manifested to man, is revealed in his word to be Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, ONE GOD, JEHOVAH, MESSIAH, LORD.

3. That the HOLY BOOKS of the Old and New Testaments were written by the Prophets of God and the Apostles of the Lord, as they were commanded to write, and that they contain a full and complete Revelation of the will and holy purpose of God in reference to man, and are alone sufficient to teach men what they should believe, and how they should keep and obey his commandments.

4. That men are the especial care of their Creator, being created in his image and likeness, endowed with full capacity and power for perfect obedience to his will, and without any propensity to sin in their moral being—being in the image of God.

5. That mankind, being free from any propensity, or sin, and as accountable, free, moral agents, do, by their voluntary will and choice, acts of disobedience to God's commands, making themselves sinners, and become, in character, displeasing to a HOLY GOD.

6. That all mankind have, by their voluntary act, become sinners, and will continue so to become, exposing their souls to the righteous displeasure of A HOLY LAW. God, to counteract and bring men back to voluntary obedience, made a manifestation of Himself in the flesh, as Jesus Christ, the Son of God, as the Alpha and Omega, as GOD ALMIGHTY; and to induce them to leave off their idolatry, wickedness and sin, poured out his HOLY SPIRIT to convince and convict men of transgression of the LAW OF GOD, and thus redeem them from their fallen state, by faith in Jesus Christ, THE LAMB OF GOD.

7. That in due time, according to THE WORD OF GOD, THE LAMB OF GOD expired on the TREE OF LIFE, that He, by his death, might bring to life THE TREE OF LIFE, that was dead by reason of sin, or transgression of the HOLY LAW OF GOD.

8. That He as GOD took upon HIM the nature of Man, and as MAN made his flesh a sin-offering, pouring out his blood, or life, on the CROSS, for the ransom of transgressors of the HOLY LAW OF GOD, to bring men back to obedience to the LAW, that they might have right to the TREE OF LIFE, and eat and live forever.

9. That JESUS CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD, on the third day after his crucifixion and death, rose from the dead, and his disciples did bare witness that He was alive, and that they saw^d him ascend up to heaven afterwards.

10. That JESUS CHRIST, THE CONQUEROR, A KING OF KINGS, is now set on the right hand of the MAJESTY IN THE HEAVENS, GOD OVER ALL.

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REQUIREMENTS

OF THE

LAW AND THE GOSPEL.

1. That all men should love one God, Jehovah, Messiah,
THE LORD.

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2. That all men are under moral obligations to believe in the
truths revealed in the Holy Books of the Old and New Tes-
tament, THE WORD OF GOD.

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3. That all men should love ONE ANOTHER, as written in THE
HOLY LAW.

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4. That all men, being in the IMAGE OF GOD, should be a

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TREE OF LIFE, ONE WITH GOD, GOD OVER ALL.

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5. That all men must, by voluntary will and choice, be obe-
dient and HOLY IN LIFE.

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6. That all men must cease their idolatry, wickedness, sin,
and rise from death in sin to LIFE IN GOD, by faith in the

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LAMB OF GOD.

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7. That all men must be in character like JEHOVAH, MES-
SIAH, SAVIOUR.

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8. That all men believe that yielding perfect obedience to the

LAW OF GOD, to IMMANUEL, is HOLINESS, is GOOD-

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NESS, IS HEAVEN.

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9. That all men, trusting in Jesus Christ as the LAMB OF
 GOD, secure SALVATION. 1 2 3 4 5 6
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10. That all men should know THE HOLY LAW, THE
 TRUE GOD, GOD OVER ALL; should know THE WORD
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 OF GOD, THE LAMB OF GOD, THE ATONEMENT,
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 THE CONQUEROR, GOD ALMIGHTY.
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REMARKS.

Before the flood, Idolatry existed. The character of men was developed in the separation of men into two classes, called sons of God, and sons of men. Man is so constituted, in the image of his Maker, that he will have something to worship. If it is not God, it will be something which he devises, to be the image of HIM.

After the flood, Idolatry was manifested in the descendants of Noah. The descendants of Ham appear to be the first to revive it. Nimrod usurped the kingdom of men, and compelled them to worship him as king of men, in opposition to the commands of God, who is A KING OF MEN. The setting up of the image of A MAN for worship, was the device of a pagan king, for the subjugation of men to the obedience of his will.

The origin of winged beasts, birds and creeping things, as objects of worship, appears to have been by the descendants of Shem.

The descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob were instructed to worship God, as the living and true God, and to hate the idolators' gods, and to pray to God that HE would destroy them.

In due time, God manifested himself in the flesh, or form of a man, to destroy the idol kingdoms among men, and fully establish his kingdom among them.

The Book of Revelations reveals the accomplishment of the prophecies of the prophets, on this subject, i. e. their destruction, and setting up of Christ's Kingdom.

Peter's vision of the sheet let down from heaven, with the four footed beasts, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and birds of prey, was his commission to preach the gospel among the idolatrous nations—those that worshipped the creatures he saw in the vision. Acts 11: 5—10.

The Kingdom of God.

The King of Zion sends his summons forth,
Calls the South nations, and awakes the North,
From East to West the sovereign mandate flies,
And bids the race of men to glory rise.

The splendid throne of Babel's lofty tower,
Her image worship, and her cruel power,
Her bloody sacrifice, and bloody war,
Her king and priest, are soon to be no more.

The winged Bulls and Beasts of Nineveh,
Her idol worship and her Hebrew power,
Her lofty walls and splendid towers shall fall,
Her King and Priest shall be no more at all.

Thus said the Savior to the seed of Shem :
Go preach my kingdom to the sons of men,
In me accomplished; you to them I send,
For things concerning me must have an end.

To me all kingly power and might is given,
To you I give all might and power in heaven;
He that believes that I am GOD on earth,
Shall of my Spirit have a heavenly birth.

Almighty God of Japheth, Shem, and Ham,
Ride forth A CONQUEROR of the sons of men;
Thou art THE WORD, THE SPIRIT, KING
and CHRIST:

O save the souls that thou hast made and blest,

Star of the East.

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning!
 Dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid;
 Star of the East!—the horizon adorning—
 Guide where the infant Redeemer is laid.

Pale in his cradle, the infant is sleeping;
 Low lies his head with the beasts of the stall,
 Magi of Persia are over him bending,
 Maker, and Monarch, and Savior of all.

Say, shall we yield Him, in costly devotion,
 Odors of Eden, and off'rings divine?
 Gems of the mountain, and pearls of the ocean,
 Myrrh from the forest and gold from the mine?

Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
 Vainly with gold would his favor secure;
 Richer, by far, is the heart's adoration—
 Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.



The Destruction of the Assyrian Army.

The Assyrian came down like the wolf on the fold,
 And his cohorts were gleaming in purple and gold;
 And the sheen of their spears was like stars on the sea,
 When the blue wave rolled nightly on deep Galilee.

Like the leaves of the forest when summer is green,
 That host, with their banners, at sunset were seen:
 Like the leaves of the forest when Autumn hath blown,
 That host on the morrow lay withered and strown.

For the Angel of Death spread his wings on the blast,
 And breathed in the face of the foe as he passed;
 And the eyes of the sleepers waxed deadly and chill,
 And their hearts but once heaved, and forever grew still.

And there lay the steed with his nostrils all wide,
 But through it there rolled not the breath of his pride;
 And the foam of his gasping lay white on the turf,
 And cold as the spray of the rock-beating surf.

And there lay the rider, distorted and pale,
 With the dew on his brow, and the rust on his mail;
 And the tents were all silent, the banners alone,
 The lances unlifted, the trumpet unblown.

And the widows of Asher are loud in their wail,
 And idols are broken in the temple of Baal;
 And the might of the Gentile, unsmote by the sword,
 Hath melted like snow at the glance of the Lord.

The Day of the Destruction of Jerusalem by Titus.

From the last hill that looks on thy once holy dome,
 I behold thee, O Sion! when conquered by Rome:
 'Twas the last of thy day, and the flames of thy fall
 Flashed back on the last glance I gave to thy wall.

I looked for thy temple, I looked for my home,
 And forgot for a moment my bondage to come;
 I beheld but the death-fire that fed on thy fane,
 And the fast-fettered hands that made vengeance in vain.

On many an eye, the high spot where I gazed,
 Had reflected the last beam of day as it blazed;
 While I stood on the height and beheld the decline
 Of the rays from the mountain that shone on thy shrine.

And now on that mountain I stood on that day,
 But I marked not the twilight beam melting away;
 Oh! would that the lightning had glared in its stead,
 And the thunderbolt burst on the conqueror's head!

But the arms of the Pagan shall never profane
 The shrine where Jehovah disdained not to reign;
 And scattered and scorned as thy people may be,
 Our worship, O Father! is only for thee.

Jerusalem, my Home.

Jerusalem, my happy home,
 My Savior there I see;
 The streets are straight, and heavenly built,
 My love is strong for thee.

Thy walls, like gems and precious stones,
 Are brilliant to behold!
 Thy gates are all a precious pearl,
 Thy streets are paved with gold.

Thy heavenly courts, and pleasant walks,
 My study long hath been;
 And Christ, my light, did give me sight,
 And may by all be seen.

While living there, for many years,
 Beneath her ample dome,
 I sung God's praise, for many days:
 Jerusalem 's my home.

Bible.

How precious is the book divine,
 By inspiration given!
 Bright as a lamp its pages shine,
 To guide our feet to heaven.

It sweetly cheers our drooping hearts,
 In this dark vale of tears;
 Life, light, and joy, and peace imparts,
 And drives away our fears.

This lamp, through all the tedious night
 Of life, shall guide our way:
 Then shall we see by clearer light,
 The heavens, eternal day.

Jesus, our Life.

Come, let us join our songs of praise
 To our ascended Priest;
 He lives and hath our very names
 Engraven on his breast.

He died and washed our guilt away,
 By his atoning blood:
 Then he appeared before the throne,
 To plead our cause with God.

O gracious Savior! in the heart,
 May thy dear name be known,
 A sacred ornament and guard—
 A pledge of happiness to come.

Delay Not.

Delay not, delay not: O sinner! draw near;
 The waters of life are now flowing for thee;
 No price is demanded; the Savior is here;
 Redemption is purchas'd, salvation is free.

Delay not, delay not: why longer abuse
 The love and compassion of Jesus thy God?
 A fountain is opened; how canst thou refuse
 To wash and be cleansed in his pardoning blood?

Delay not, delay not, O sinner! to come;
 For Mercy still lingers, and calls thee to-day;
 Her voice is not heard in the vale of the tomb:
 Her message, unheeded, will soon pass away.

Delay not, delay not: the Spirit of Grace,
 Long griev'd and resisted, may take its sad flight,
 And leave thee in darkness to finish thy race,
 To sink in the gloom of eternity's night.

Thou art all in all to me.

Jehovah, Jesus, lovely Lamb,
 Thine, and only thine, I am;
 Take my spirit home to thee:
 Thou art all in all to me.

Who have I, while here below?
 Thee, and only thee, I know:
 Whom have I in heaven but thee?
 Thou art all in all to me.

All I know is from above;
 All my riches is thy love:
 Love divine, in thee I see:
 Thou art all in all to me.

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